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Dear Commissioners James V. McDonald, Johanne E. Morne, Maclain Berhaupt and Alyssa DeRosa:

At its Full Board meeting on May 22, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of Monitoring Impact of Services Lost with the Closure of Beth Israel Hospital

WHEREAS:

1. Northwell Greenwich Village Hospital (NGVH), formerly known as Lenox Health Greenwich Village, has expanded its services beyond its original scope as a satellite emergency department, and now operates as a “mini hospital,” offering outpatient imaging, outpatient surgery, physician practices, and a growing network of outpatient services in Lower Manhattan; and

2. NGVH is licensed under the same Article 28 operating certificate as Lenox Hill Hospital and will soon add inpatient surgery and a cardiac catheterization lab. Once the lab opens this spring, FDNY ambulances will be permitted to bring patients experiencing strokes or heart attacks to NGVH; and
3. Despite this expansion, NGVH will remain on “diversion” for patients with behavioral health emergencies, trauma, or critical pediatric conditions—meaning ambulances will not bring those patients to the facility—though such patients may still walk in and receive care; and
4. Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital (MSBI), located in Manhattan’s Community District 6, permanently closed on April 9, 2025; and
5. MSBI’s emergency department included a Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) and was a key destination for behavioral health patients arriving via ambulance. Its closure leaves Lower Manhattan with significantly reduced capacity for psychiatric emergencies, particularly given NGVH’s continued diversion status for such cases; and
6. NGVH has experienced an approximate 20% increase in patient volume in recent weeks—likely due to both the FDNY’s revised 911 transport policy and the closure of MSBI—and while NGVH reports adequate capacity to manage the current increase, the long-term impact of MSBI’s closure on NGVH and surrounding hospitals remains uncertain.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD 2, MANHATTAN

1. Calls for ongoing monitoring and transparent public reporting on the impact of Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital’s closure on patient volumes, service quality, and emergency care at Northwell Greenwich Village Hospital; and
2. Given that NGVH’s additional services are not planned to include a CPEP for psychiatric emergencies, nor the ability to address trauma or critical pediatric cases, urges the city to ensure that these community needs continue to be met despite the closure of MSBI.

Vote: Unanimous, 43 Board Members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



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