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Dear Doctors McDonald, Morse, Katz and Wei:

At its Full Board meeting on October 23, 2025, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution In Support of Additional Investments In H+H Bellevue Hospital**

#### **WHEREAS**

- 1) Bellevue is the Level 1 trauma center nearest to residents of CB2; and
- 2) Bellevue has experienced an increase in volume in its Emergency Department following the COVID pandemic and the closure of Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital (MSBI) on April 9, 2025; and
- 3) The closure of MSBI has left Bellevue as the only remaining CPEP – Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program – in lower Manhattan, and it is often at capacity; and

- 4) Given the high incidence in Community District 2 of individuals exhibiting serious mental illness, the loss of a facility that can accept psychiatric emergencies is disconcerting; and
- 5) While Northwell Greenwich Village Hospital has expanded its services within CD2, its emergency department still has gaps that require CB2 residents to rely on Bellevue; and
- 6) The \$20 million in funding and the capital equipment that MSBI has promised to invest in Bellevue to improve services seems inadequate to compensate for the added volume from the MSBI closure; and
- 7) The loss of MSBI's Emergency Department in lower Manhattan is likely to continue to increase volume at Bellevue, which may decrease patients' timely access to care even when the most serious emergencies are adequately addressed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD 2, MANHATTAN**

- 1) Calls upon the New York State Department of Health to gather and share detailed metrics on the performance of Bellevue in delivering high quality service at every level of care, including diversion rates, time of "boarders" remaining in the ED before transfer to a bed, cycle time for patients, and time required for cases that are not immediately life-threatening but that can only be addressed by a trauma center such as Bellevue; and
- 2) Presses NYS DOH and NYC DOHMH to negotiate for greater investment in Bellevue, including by Mount Sinai Beth Israel, as compensation for the void that MSBI's closure leaves, not only in its immediate district but throughout lower Manhattan; and
- 3) Supports Bellevue's current requests for increased capital funding, especially for an additional CT scanner and a single plane (or bi-plane) angiogram for treating victims of stroke.

**Vote:** Unanimous, 33 Board Members in favor.

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

Sincerely,



Valerie De La Rosa, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Susanna Aaron, Chair  
Human Services Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

cc: Hon. Dan Goldman, Congressman  
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Hon. Deborah J. Glick, NYS Assembly Member  
Hon. Grace Lee NYS Assembly Member  
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Member

Hon. Christopher Marte, NYC Council Member