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Re: Determination necessitating continuation of virtual board meetings

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) has been meeting regularly for the entire duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic. MCB4 began holding virtual meetings in April of 2020 in accordance with the State Open Meetings Law as amended by the Governor's Executive Orders suspending certain provisions.

Section 2 of Part WW of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022, codified at Open Meetings Law § 103-a(3), empowers MCB4 to meet entirely remotely if, during a state disaster emergency declared by the Governor or a local state of emergency declared by the Mayor, the Board can determine that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration affect or impair its ability to hold in-person meetings.

MCB4, granted by the State of New York, determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declarations by the Mayor, and or a future Governor Emergency declaration, would affect or impair the ability of the Board to hold in-person meetings and, therefore, Board meetings shall continue to be held entirely by remote means and the in-person participation requirements of the Open Meetings Law shall not apply.

MCB4's determination shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the earlier of¹:

- 1) such time as the Governor\Mayor ends the state\city disaster emergency; or
- 2) such time that the Board concludes that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declarations by the Governor and Mayor would no longer affect or impair the ability of the Commission to hold in-person meetings.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey LeFrancois
Chair

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¹ Manhattan Community Board 4, at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 2nd, 2022, voted, by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote to recommend this determination.