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Hon. Eric Adams
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) writes to express its grave concern regarding and opposition to the proposed severe budget cuts to New York City's operating budget. These cuts would universally erode city services for all, including the most vulnerable of New Yorkers right here in Manhattan Community Board 4. At its regularly scheduled full Board meeting on December 6, 2023, MCB4, by a vote of **38** in favor, **0** opposed, **0** abstaining and **1** present but not eligible to vote, voted to oppose the budget cuts.

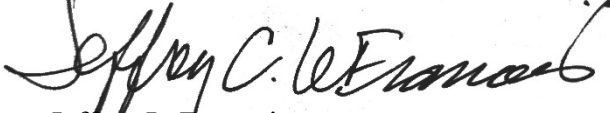
MCB4 includes the neighborhoods of Chelsea, Hudson Yards, and Hell's Kitchen. It is home to a very high number of service providers for the most vulnerable New Yorkers, as well as for those who have arrived in our city due to the significant increase of newly arriving migrants. And while we agree that the Federal and State governments must do more to support the city as it supports this growing population, one crisis cannot beget another. Unfortunately, the influx of migrants is not the sole reason the City's budget is supposedly strained.

From compost to libraries, universal Pre-K and 3K, the development of affordable housing and keeping our parks clean, every inch of the city will suffer under the proposed cuts.

MCB4 encourages the administration to work with all levels of government to secure further funding for services provided by the city from the State and Federal governments. MCB4 opposes the across the board cuts, and also encourages the Adams' Administration to explore ways to increase the City's revenues to avoid cuts and work with the City Council to do so.

There is a lot of good work that needs to be done and excuses cannot be what are used to govern our city. MCB4 looks forward to working with you on addressing the continues needs of the City and to ensuring there is funding to meet our needs.

Thank you,



Jeffrey LeFrancois

cc: Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker, City Council
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Erik Bottcher, City Council
Hon. Gale A. Brewer. City Council