

Manhattan Community Board Five

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Dan Garodnick Director Department of City Planning, 31st Floor 120 Broadway New York, NY 10271

Re: Manhattan Plan Initial Comment

Dear Director Gardonick:

At the regularly scheduled monthly Community Board Five meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, the following resolution passed with a vote of 32 in favor; 3 opposed; 2 abstaining;

On behalf of Manhattan Community Board Five (CB5), thank you for coming to our committee on 6/25 and for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Manhattan Plan. We appreciate DCP's time and effort to engage the public in the effort to add 100,000 units of housing to Manhattan.

CB5 strongly supports the overarching goals of expanding housing while ensuring our neighborhoods remain livable, equitable, and resilient. To that end, we submit for your consideration the attached resolutions (totaling 18 pages of feedback and thoughtful ideas) related to the Midtown South Mixed-Use (MSMX) rezoning proposal that we worked on extensively earlier this year. The MSMX rezoning is projected to contribute 10,000 new housing units to the Manhattan Plan. These documents outline critical recommendations and insights that we believe should help inform future phases of the Plan.

Our April and May 2024 resolutions reflect CB5's unanimous support for urgently needed housing in Midtown South, paired with clear conditions to ensure the provision of essential public amenities, sustainable infrastructure, and the preservation of historic buildings and jobs within the Garment District. These have been longstanding priorities for the local community and are critical to livability, equity, health and wellness, and the development of a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood.

We look forward to submitting additional feedback this September that expands on our ideas for housing beyond the scope of MSMX, in anticipation of the release of the Manhattan Plan at the end of the year.

Thank you for your consideration. We welcome continued collaboration with DCP.

Sincerely,

Bradley Sherburne

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Cc: Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President