



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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## May 2003 Resolutions

At its May 2003 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following motions:

### **TITLE: Funding for Senior Programs**

To urge city officials and the Department for the Aging to maintain current funding levels for senior programs which have greatly depended upon the Borough President's discretionary funding to operate.

Core Services are absolutely essential to guarantee the health and well-being – indeed the survival- of our community's seniors. The core services include voluntary meal contributions; educational and recreational activities; social services referrals; transportation and salaries.

It is important to recognize the unique nature of senior program funding which has predominantly occurred through Borough President's discretionary funds. Those discretionary funds are being threatened with total elimination, which would be catastrophic to senior programs.

During this difficult budgetary process, it is crucial that New York City maintain current funding levels for our senior programs.

### **TITLE: Medicaid Funding for Public and Private Hospitals, Clinics and Nursing Homes**

WHEREAS, many residents within Community Board #3 rely on both public and voluntary hospitals, community-based health clinics, and nursing homes in New York City for their health care needs; and

WHEREAS, public and voluntary hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes are generally the only health care organizations in New York city that are mandated to provide comprehensive health care services to all New Yorkers regardless of their ability to pay or citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, the public and private hospitals, clinics and nursing homes care for the uninsured children and adults who often find it difficult to navigate our complex public health insurance application processes; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding to public and private hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes has decreased by millions of dollars and Governor Pataki's proposed New York State budget cuts nearly \$200 million more in Medicaid funding for HHC overall, and more than \$20 million for Bellevue Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, these cuts impose a disproportionate and unfair burden on the public and private hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes that are a lifeline to many people in our community; and

WHEREAS, public and private hospitals, CBHC - NH, cannot absorb cuts of this magnitude without reducing critical staff and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #3, Manhattan strongly urges our Federal, State and City legislators to:

1. Restore federal Medicaid cuts to the public and private hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, and
2. Provide funds to the public and private voluntary hospitals for the cost of bioterrorism preparedness and first responder, and
3. Approve funds to reimburse public and private hospitals, CBH clinics, and nursing homes for the cost of providing services to undocumented immigrants, and
4. Fight Medicaid cuts in the in the governor's proposed budget and provide funding for the large number of uninsured served by HHC, and private health care facilities, and
5. Enact New York State Assemblyman Richard Gottfried's bill a.79092 which will simplify the enrollment processes for Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus insurance programs, and
6. Provide grant funds for worker training especially targeted to critical shortages of nursing and bilingual health care workers.

**TITLE: Bigger, Better Bottle Bill**

WHEREAS

- More than 75 billion containers bearing a 5-cent deposit have been redeemed under New York's bottle bill since 1982.
- The New York bottle bill has diverted more than 5.2 million tons of materials from the waste stream, preserving space in landfills and/or avoiding pollution through incineration and conserving natural resources and energy over the last 20 years.
- The New York bottle bill has contributed to a cleaner and safer environment by reducing litter and broken glass in parks, playgrounds and open spaces.
- The New York bottle bill has created economic opportunities to New York residents who redeem bottles and cans from the waste stream.
- Non-redeemable containers make up nearly two-thirds of the beverage containers piling up on New York's shorelines, and contribute up to 11% of all litter in some communities.

- Bearing the cost of a product's waste should be the responsibility of beverage producers and their consumers, not taxpayers and communities.
- The beverage industry benefits from unclaimed deposits, which amounts to \$107 million in the year 2000 in New York City alone.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- Community Board #3 supports an expanded New York Bottle bill to include deposits on non-carbonated beverages, such as bottled water, iced tea, juice and sports drinks.
- Furthermore, Community Board #3 supports the requirement that the beverage industry must return all unclaimed deposits to the state to fund municipal recycling and waste prevention programs.
- Community Board #3 supports the passage of a Bigger, Better Bottle Bill, (A. 3922/S.1696) sponsored by Assemblyman DINAPOLI AND SENATOR LAVALLE.

**TITLE: Seward Park Urban Renewal Community and Intergovernmental Task Force**

To offer strong support for the creation of a Seward Park community and intergovernmental task force, in order to 1) develop a fair plan for the empty lots at the Seward Park Renewal Site, 2) retard the rapid gentrification in the surrounding area, and 3) resolve multigenerational and catastrophic impasses that have kept this land from being developed so as to a) reflect the urgency to embrace a return to a glorious time when the neighborhood teemed with a diversity of low, moderate, and middle income residences and b) create a centerpiece for the creation of jobs, businesses, and cultural institutions.

**TITLE: Removal of Judlaw Construction from Coleman Park**

To request the immediate removal of Judlaw Construction from Coleman Park due to all night excessive noise from the site, and serious safety problem created by trucks and steel girders blocking intersection at Pike & Cherry Streets.

**TITLE: Reinstate Bus Stop at East 6th Street and Cooper Square**

To request that the southbound M101/M102 bus stop at East 6th Street and Cooper Square be reinstated for the following reasons: It is the official last stop of the bus routes as indicated on the buses, disabled and elderly passengers are forced to walk 2 extra blocks since the last stop is now East 8th Street, there was no reason given to the community and there is a northbound bus stop at East 6th Street/Cooper Square.

**TITLE: TLC License Renewal for Delancey Car Service, 29 Essex Street, New York, NY 10002 (B00225)**

To approve the application by Delancey Car Service for renewal of the TLC license (B00225) for a For-Hire Base at 29 Essex Street, based on the receipt of a letter from the Parking Lot stating that they have rented 190 parking spaces at 54 Suffolk Street to Delancey Car Service and a letter from Delancey Car Service stating that all cars layover at the parking lot when not on call.

**TITLE: MTA Service Changes in Appropriate Languages**

That all NYCTA service changes be posted in appropriate languages for the affected community and turnaround time should not be an excuse to post changes in English only.

**TITLE: NYPD Park Row Closure Resolution**

Whereas the NYPD has established an onerous “security Zone” around One Police Place by:

- closing the James Madison/Cabrini triangle to the community
- closing Park Row to civilian vehicles since September 11, 2001
- closing Park Row to MTA buses since May 6, 2002

The residential neighborhoods of Chinatown and the Lower East Side have been isolated from other communities.

The street closures have caused traffic congestion that has impacted the ability of emergency service vehicles to respond quickly to calls.

The increased traffic congestion has resulted in corresponding increased air pollution.

The street closures have been implemented without any communication with the residents or any mitigation to the community.

The disrespect and disregard of the community has been perceived as racist.

Therefore, the community board finds it unacceptable that Park Row remains closed.

The community board recommends that:

- the city should sponsor the formation of a community advisory board on security measures around One Police Plaza.
- the NYPD should document access policies in secure area particularly with regard to emergency service vehicles.
- the city should study effects of security procedures and perform mitigation of effects for the residents and businesses.
- as the presence of "official cars" in a buffer zone poses a risk to the residents within the buffer, the NYPD should cease parking vehicles on the streets in a "security buffer."
- the Community Board should sponsor surveys of car service and other "services" in affected area.
- all traffic studies specifically include studies of residents of affected area.
- representatives for community residents, local businesses, and from the Community Board should be included in all meetings regarding the closure of Park Row along with elected officials, the administration and city agencies.

**TITLE: Parking Permit for Mobile Health Van in Front of 25 Allen Street**

To support the issuance of an Annual On-Street Parking Permit for the Community Healthcare Network Mobile Health Van to be parked in front of 25 Allen Street.

**TITLE: Pay Phone Installation at South and Pike Streets**

To approve the installation of a pay phone at South Street and Pike Street behind the Pathmark Supermarket.