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December 17, 2021

Re: Audit Report on Community Board' Compliance with New York City Charter and New York City Administrative Code Requirements for Public Meetings and Hearings, and for Websites

Scott M. Stringer
New York City Comptroller
1 Centre Street, Room 517
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Stringer:

I must first take the time to thank your office for its most recent audit of all community boards city-wide. Your staff has been professional, respectful and—unlike previous audits conducted by the Office of the New York City Comptroller—extremely responsive and helpful. Whenever I had a question for your staff, they have always devoted their time to respond to me with thorough thoughtfulness. I cannot emphasize enough how important this is for the audit process and long-term success of New York City.

While Community Board 11 probably hasn't had enough time to ingest all the findings and recommendations put forth by your office, I can say that the findings and recommendations seem reasonable overall. Furthermore, Community Board 11 has already taken corrective action on two items cited in the audit.

While it is true that during the September 2020 general board meeting, Community Board 11 set aside time to hear from the public after the Board discussed and voted on matters affecting the district, this was not the case for the entire audit period. It was only beginning in May 2020—during the COVID-19 pandemic when a New York State Executive Order waived Community Board 11's requirement to hear from the public—that the Board set aside time for the public after some but not necessarily all discussion and voting. After the Board heard from the public during these meetings, it was made clear that the Board could revisit any topic of importance under "old business" before the meeting concluded. But because of overwhelming complaints from the public and some board members, Community Board 11 reassigned its public speaker time slot to the beginning of its general meetings.

In response to the City Charter requirement to "conduct at least one public hearing each month," Community Board 11 has assumed the corrective action of

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scheduling a public hearing each month with the first hearing scheduled for December 20, 2021.

Lastly, I'm pleased to learn that in response to a concern I had about the "Total Staffing" table on page six of the draft report, your staff "will add a footnote to the final report to clarify that the table includes full-time and part-time staff who were employed by the City and paid with City funds as reported in the City's Payroll Management Systems as of September 30, 2021."

My best wishes to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Warneke