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December 6, 2021

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

то:	Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Outreach (Miceli, Chair; Brooks; Chesler; Foster; Moskovits; Peterson; Sabel; Iberti*) [5 committee members constitute a quorum for this committee] and Members of the Economic Development Committee
	(Moskovits, Chair; Bamonte; Dybanowski;
	Nieves; Cappucci*; Lee*; DiPiazza*; Goldfarb*; Raymond*)
	[5 members constitute a quorum for this committee]
	(*) = Non Board Committee Member
FROM:	Mr. Sante Miceli, CB#1 Ad Hoc Committee on Outreach Chair
	Ms. Toby Moskovits, CB#1 Economic Development Committee Chair
RE:	Joint Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Outreach
	and Economic Development Committee
WHEN:	Monday, December 13, 2021
	via WEBEX (Virtual Meeting)
TIME:	*** 6:00 PM ***

(While we cannot meet in person, we will be meeting virtually. Below are options for you to connect)

Meeting Address for Attendees https://nyccb.webex.com/nyccb/j.php?MTID=med5872398565f84a6e8873c0dcedd55d Meeting number: 2349 492 0529 Meeting password: MwebiGhp473 Audio conference by Phone: +1-646-992-2010 [New York City] Access code: 2349 492 0529

# **AGENDA**

#### 1. <u>RETAIL DIVERSITY AND URBAN RESILIENCE: BUILDING A</u> <u>FRAMEWORK FOR RETAIL POLICY</u>

- NYC Neighborhoods like Greenpoint and Williamsburg function as retail venues and have provided a fundamental contribution to the building of the Brooklyn brand.
- What is the master plan for Williamsburg and Greenpoint ?
- How to create diverse urban landscapes that preserve neighborhood character.
- The impact of permanent Open Restaurant-Roadside Structures-Sidewalk cafes on local retail.

Understanding the interactions between diverse retail activities and urban economic resilience with a primary focus on NYC neighborhoods. The social, economic, and environmental impacts of a prevailing entertainment industry (Bar, Restaurants, etc.) on existing diverse retail and urban systems and their sustainability have not been extensively or objectively discussed in the urban planning literature. However, the survival of retail diversity as a major land use, in a competitive, dynamic urban environment, has been discussed less.

In particular, the adjustment of traditional small business retailers facing an influx of new Entertainment business eating and drinking venues is a timely issue. Recent data offers a wide range of examples, from their disappearance to their role in the successful revitalization, vitality and viability of city neighborhoods, and their increased economic resilience. At the same time, the number of Bars and Restaurants and Liquor License Applications has been increasing exponentially in NYC, and in particular in Williamsburg and Greenpoint, showing that these neighborhoods shopping corridors also need strategies for adaptation and change.

We need to explore the issues and have policies that can restore altered urban dynamics in favor of traditional retailers and contributed to their resilience, identifies the role of the public sector in supporting city neighborhoods revitalization, and <u>develop a framework for the effective</u> integration of diverse retail planning into urban policy to enhance urban economic resilience.

# 2. <u>DURING-POST COVID SMALL BUSINESS RETAIL IN THE COMMUNITY-</u> <u>WHERE IT IS GOING</u>

The future of cities is rapidly taking shape with vast disruptions and *innovations prior to COVID-19 now accelerated mightily due to the pandemic. Where we live, what work looks like, and how we shop have all changed, a people-centered focus at the forefront is needed.* A diversified Retail network – both online and brick-and-mortar – forms the foundation for local economies, our workforce and community main streets. COVID-19 has dramatically accelerated disruptions and innovations across the retail industry.

<u>City leaders are now presented with a unique opportunity and obligation to help shape the retail</u> <u>landscape in ways that realize their community's vision for the future</u>.

### 3. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

# 4. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

Open Cameras and Microphones for All. Our Ad Hoc Outreach Committee meetings are our first Outreach activity, a place to make valuable interactions with our communities. Inform and Reunite is key to continuing to engage our communities especially during-post COVID-19.

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