

## RESOLUTION

**Date: May 4, 2021**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 145 West 72nd Street (Amsterdam Avenue)**

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** Class Change application to the SLA by B&W to Full on-premises liquor license.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: May 4, 2021**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 210 West 94th Street (Broadway)**

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** \_ new application to the SLA for a two year license by Taqueria 86 Inc. d/b/a To be Determined.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: May 4, 2021**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 667 Columbus Avenue (West 93rd Street)**

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new application to the SLA for a two year license by Peaky Barista LLC d/b/a Peaky Barista.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: May 4, 2021**

**Committee of Origin: Land Use**

**Re: Proposed map amendment to Special Lincoln Square District to include former ABC sites on W66/67th streets.**

**Full Board Vote: 30 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 2 Present**

*Committee: 8-0-0-2. Non-committee Board Members: 6-0-0-0.*

This resolution is based on the following information and facts:

- 1) Landmark West(LW) has initiated a proposal at the City Planning Commission to amend the Zoning Resolution and map to include the former ABC site, located between West 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets, east of Columbus Avenue within the Lincoln Square Special District. LW has invited Community Board 7 to join as a co-applicant.
- 2) The ABC site is currently contiguous to the Special District, but was excluded when the District was created as an accommodation to ABC, which argued that for its purposes the district rules were too restrictive. However, ABC has recently sold the site to a developer, and the rationale for excluding the site from the special District no longer exists.
- 3) The ABC site is zoned C4-7, which allows for “standard towers” covering <40% of Zoning Lot and no height restrictions. As a result a developer could create extremely tall slender towers, which, theoretically, could be as high as 1600 feet.
- 4) The Lincoln Square Special District imposes minimum lot coverage, bulk and tower regulations, which essentially limit the permissible height of buildings within the District to approximately 400 feet and result in “tower on base” buildings.
- 5) Only a change in the type of tower structure allowed and no change of bulk would occur with the inclusion of the ABC sites within the District.
- 6) LW has indicated that it anticipates covering all costs associated with the application and is not looking for CB7 to cover any costs associated with the application.
- 7) LW has shared its work completed to date once CB7 signs on as co-applicant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the proposed action to amend the Lincoln Square Special District map to include the entire ABC site as part of Sub-District C, and agrees to be a co-applicant within the ULURP process.



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## RESOLUTION

**Date: May 4, 2021**

**Committee of Origin: Health & Human Services**

**Re: Mental Health Issues and the Effects off the Pandemic**

**Full Board Vote: 33 In Favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 1 Present**

*Committee 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

This resolution is based on the following information and facts:

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. (CDC Definition)

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. However, mental illness affects *everyone* directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. Despite mental illnesses' [reach and prevalence](#), stigma and misunderstanding are also, unfortunately, widespread.

The Covid-19 crisis has brought with it a mental health crisis in the United States, and new data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show just how broad the pandemic's impact on mental health might be.

A new CDC survey found that almost 41% of respondents are struggling with mental health issues stemming from the pandemic -- both related to the coronavirus pandemic itself and the measures put in place to contain it, including physical distancing and stay-at-home orders.

From August 2020 - February 2021, the percentage of adults with recent symptoms of anxiety, depression and/or mood disorders increased from 36.4% to 41.5% (CDC, April 2021).

A survey in International Journal of Eating Disorders in July found 62% of people in the U.S. with anorexia experienced a worsening of symptoms as the pandemic hit.

Young adults - especially minorities, LGBTQ+ and those with preexisting mental illness are particularly vulnerable.

- 30% of undergraduates live with some kind of mental health disorder with the first symptomology occurring in the first year of school (Cuijpers, et. al., 2019).
- 60% of college students wish they more help with emotional preparation (Harris Poll 2015).
- Many high school and college students are engaged in health-risk behaviors. Many of these, such as alcohol and drug use, violence and bullying, and risky sexual behavior, are major contributors to the leading causes of death among persons aged 10–24 years in the United States (SAMHSA and CDC).

Schools are often the first line in recognizing signs of learning deficits, physical and sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. School closures have/are taking away the vital capacity for educators to identify and intervene as these issues become apparent and students become symptomatic.

School closures separate children from their friends, communities, inspirational adults and role models, supportive services, fun clubs and sports and broader social networks..

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Given the increasing need for mental health services, it is clear that we have a mental health supply and demand issue. In the wake of the COVID pandemic, the current mental health system cannot absorb the need

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan urges Mayor DeBlasio and the New York City Council to invest City budget funds to:

- Expand the capacities of hospital and community-based clinics to provide mental health services.
- Expand “community clubhouses” as safe space facilities where people with serious and ongoing issues can gather for support and counseling
- Expand the reach of mental health services, including Mobile Crisis Teams/Increase mental health screening for all patients seeking health care
- Establish more free-standing Mental Health Clinics, including one in our community district
- Overcome the insurance-cost barriers that prevent people from receiving needed outpatient mental health care
- Expand trauma-Informed therapy for victims of abuse and trauma.
- Expand trauma- informed therapy for children and adolescents in communities hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan recommends that Mental Healthcare providers increase their use of student interns from the local communities as peer support specialists and peer recovery advocates.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan urges Mayor DeBlasio and Schools Chancellor Meisha Ross-Porter to institute a policy of creating spaces to process feelings, emotions, grief and trauma at the elementary, middle, and high schools levels/

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan urges Mayor DeBlasio and Schools Chancellor Meisha Ross-Porter to dedicate funds to social and emotional learning and to institute social-emotional learning as a part of the day-to-day curriculum!

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan supports Mayor DeBlasio’s plan for the Specialist program, that will be implemented by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), in partnership with Department of Education. Under the new program, the current mental health workers will become Specialists and begin delivering trauma-informed group work, to students at 350 schools in the neighborhoods hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## RESOLUTION

**Date: May 4, 2021**

**Committee of Origin: Health & Human Services**

**Re: Hate Crimes and Bias Attacks Against the Asian Community**

**Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 1 Present**

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-committee Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

This resolution is based on the following information and facts:

There has been a significant, troubling increase in anti-Asian hate crimes and bias incidents reported to the NYPD in New York City. In 2019 there was one reported incident; in 2020, thirty. Sixteen of the thirty were violent crimes.

Between February and December of 2019, 30 bias incidents of anti-Asian discrimination and harassment were reported to the NYC Commission on Human Rights. During the same 11-month period in 2020, that number increased to 205.

According to New York Police Department statistics, hate crimes against Asian Americans skyrocketed last month, with 31 hate crimes reported in March 2021, and none logged in the same month in 2020.

Since the start of COVID-19, we have seen a sharp increase in instances of hostility and harassment directed at Chinese and other Asian communities related to COVID-19 stigma and misinformation.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights, the Mayor's Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit (CAU), and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs are coordinating closely to educate the public about their rights and protections in light of COVID-19-related stigma and hate crimes.

It is crucial to note that hate crimes and bias incidents have been found to be vastly under-reported so these numbers only reflect reported incidents.

The United States Senate, in an overwhelming bi-partisan vote, sent Congress' strongest message yet condemning Anti-Asian hate crimes by passing a bill aimed at improving data collection, 94-1.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan calls upon Mayor Bill DeBlasio to immediately appoint a task force to manage complaints of violence against Asians and Asian Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan calls on the Manhattan District Attorney's Office to work with the task force to coordinate victim-centered best practices that will maximize respect and care for victims as well as successful arrests and prosecution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan calls upon Mayor Bill DeBlasio to act to guarantee that mental health and social services be identified and provided to all victims of violence (in multiple languages), so that their trauma from the violence as well as the legal processes are minimized and dealt with as needed in a culturally sensitive way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan calls upon Mayor Bill DeBlasio and School's Chancellor. Meisha Ross-Porter to implement policies that ensure inclusion of Asian-American history and culture in the curriculum of all grades in public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan urges Mayor DeBlasio and Chancellor Meisha Ross-Porter to formally recognize and implement actions to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in all New York City Public Schools.