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Before City Council Finance Committee
September 12, 2024

Good morning, Chair Brannan and members of the Finance Committee. I am Calvin Brown, Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood Development at the Department of Small Business Services (SBS).

Today, we would like to report on the result of the objections filed with the City Clerk against the establishment of the proposed Cypress Hills Business Improvement District (BID) and Long Island City BID Expansion.

As required by law, the Cypress Hills Fulton Steering Committee and the Long Island City Expansion Steering Committees mailed the summary of the City Council Resolution to the following parties:

- to each owner of real property within the proposed district at the address shown on the latest City assessment roll,
- to such other persons as are registered with the City to receive tax bills concerning real property within the district, and
- to tenants of each building within the proposed district.
- And arranged publication of a copy of the resolution at least once in a local newspaper

At the conclusion of the objection period at 5:00 PM on July 22, 2024 and taking into consideration any objections postmarked by that date, one valid objection representing less than 1% of the total assessed value of each proposed districts, was filed with the City Clerk for properties within the District.

This level of objection is within our acceptable threshold needed to advance the bill for a favorable consideration by the full City Council.

The Department of Small Business Services supports the establishment of the proposed Cypress Hills Fulton BID and the expansion of the Long Island City BID. In our judgment, both efforts will improve the quality of life and business conditions in the Cypress Hills and Long Island City neighborhoods.

At this time, we are happy to take any questions.

Thank you.

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. 898 + 906 Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: 9/12/2024

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