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To: NYC City Council

From: NYC Department of Small Business Services

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Re: Local Law 152 – Selection of Community Districts for Storefront Business Assessments

In August 2019, the New York City Council enacted Local Law 152 with the purpose of conducting a storefront assessment for community districts throughout the city. This legislation requires the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) to perform an analysis of twenty districts every three years that includes vacant properties, demographics, physical conditions, business challenges and opportunities, among other factors.

Three years since the last tri-annual report of 2022, in accordance with Local Law 152, SBS is hereby submitting a revised list to the Council of twenty community districts for which storefront business assessments shall be commenced and the criteria for such selections. In accordance with the local law, SBS evaluated New York City's community districts based on a selection of neighborhood, demographic and business factors.

The 59 community districts throughout the city are comprised of multiple neighborhoods with varied business environments. The criteria used to select community districts prioritizes Low- to Moderate-Income Neighborhoods (LMIs). LMI Neighborhoods refer to areas that have a median income that is less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the region.

Neighborhoods were also selected based on business environment, socioeconomic status, access to community resources, and environmental resiliency, based on input and feedback from a variety of community partner organizations through our Neighborhood Development Division. This includes indicators such as number of businesses, business growth, vacancy, access to community organizations and facilities, household income, foreign-born population, and non-residential buildings within the 100-year flood plain, among others. SBS' inclusion of these multiple factors in the criteria ensures that a range of communities can be assessed for their business environment, challenges and needs. The selected twenty community districts are included below.

Borough	Community District	Neighborhood(s)
1. Bronx	BX10	Westchester Square
2. Bronx	BX6	East Tremont
3. Bronx	BX4	161st Street - Concourse
4. Bronx	BX11	Morris Park & Van Nest
5. Bronx	BX2	Hunts Point and Longwood
6. Brooklyn	BK2	Fort Green
7. Brooklyn	BK1	Williamsburg
8. Brooklyn	BK6	Red Hook
9. Brooklyn	BK4	Ocean Hill
10. Brooklyn	BK5	New Lots
11. Brooklyn	BK12	Borough Park
12. Brooklyn	BK3	Bedford-Stuyvesant
13. Brooklyn	BK10	Bay Ridge
14. Brooklyn	BK16	Brownsville
15. Manhattan	MN9	West Harlem
16. Manhattan	MN10	Bradhurst
17. Manhattan	MN1	Chinatown
18. Queens	QN2	Woodside
19. Queens	QN8	Jamaica - Hillside
20. Queens	QN10	Richmond Hill