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Helen Arteaga  
CEO Elmhurst Hospital  
79-01 Broadway  
Queens, New York 11373

Re: **Letter of Support - Monkeypox Vaccination Eligibility Expansion**

Dear Ms. Arteaga:

Queens Community Board 2's (CB2) Health and Human Services and Education Committee is writing this letter of support to expand the eligibility for vaccination against Monkeypox for Elmhurst Hospital and the greater Health and Hospitals Corporation to align with the eligibility requirements that were newly shared by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH).

The following groups are currently eligible through the NYC DOHMH:

People who are 18 or older, have had multiple or anonymous sex partners in the last 14 days, and identify as one of the following:

Gay, bisexual, or other man (cisgender or transgender) who has sex with men (cisgender or transgender) or transgender women

Transgender, gender non-conforming or gender non-binary

Sex workers and anyone engaging in survival sex or any other types of transactional sex (including sex in exchange for money, food, shelter or other goods) of any sexual orientation or gender identity.

People who have been informed by the Health Department that they are a close contact of someone with monkeypox.

Queens CB2 is in strong support of the expansion of the eligibility criteria regarding the Monkeypox Vaccine in order to adequately serve our most vulnerable New Yorkers, our constituents and community members who represent many marginalized groups.

Please contact CB 2 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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District Manager

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Cc: Morry Galonoy, Chairperson, Community Board 2  
Lauren Springer, Chair, Health and Human Services & Education Committee  
Clara Oza, Co-Chair, Health and Human Services & Education Committee

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