



June 22, 2026

Hon. Julie Menin  
Speaker, New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY, 10007

Dear Speaker Menin:

We write to express our concerns regarding Intro 501, which, as currently drafted, would undermine the institutional effectiveness of New York City's community boards.

Intro 501 would impose term limits on community board District Managers. District Managers are professional public servants whose institutional knowledge and long-standing relationships with residents, agencies, and stakeholders are indispensable to the effective operation of community boards. These positions are not political appointments, nor should they be treated as such.

At a time when land use and service delivery issues are becoming increasingly complex, community boards benefit from experienced administrative leadership. Mandatory turnover would unnecessarily weaken continuity, diminish expertise, and impair the ability for boards to effectively serve their communities. Community board members have universally told us that District Managers are the glue that hold community boards together. We have heard no concerns among our constituents on the performance and dedication of District Managers, so why would we disrupt something that is working?

As a former community board chair, you understand firsthand the important role that community boards and District Managers play in New York City civic life. We therefore respectfully urge the Council to reconsider this bill in its current form.

Sincerely yours,

Brad Hoylman-Sigal  
Manhattan Borough President

Vanessa Gibson  
Bronx Borough President

Donovan Richards  
Queens Borough President