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Ms. Dawn Tolson
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Dear Director Tolson:

As you may recall, I have heard from a growing number of block associations, nonprofits, and neighbors across Manhattan interested in hosting a Longest Table, the popular community dinners held along a closed street or Open Street, and I was hoping to get your guidance following our conversation last month.

To help Longest Table organizers navigate the SAPO process, I request your office's review of the attached guide to confirm that it accurately reflects current SAPO rules, along with any corrections. Longest Table organizers have two open questions, in particular: (i) How a host applies alongside a registered Open Street partner; and (ii) Who submits the application when an event is seeking Civic Event designation, the nonprofit sponsor directly, or the host naming the sponsor?

Longest Tables began as a single table in Chelsea in 2022 and have grown to more than thirty events across the city this year. I've personally witnessed the value of Longest Table events building community here in Manhattan and am hopeful that with your feedback on the attached guide, we can make the SAPO process clearer for first-time applicants and increase participation in this valued grassroots initiative.

Please call me with any questions. Again, I'm grateful for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Brad Hoylman-Sigal
Manhattan Borough President

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