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### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6PM

- I. An update regarding the proposed cut-backs for senior centers and Access-A-Ride service was discussed
  - A. Petitions were gathered throughout the Senior Centers in Community Board 7, and sent to the related agencies and local legislators
- II. A presentation by the Visiting Nurse Service was made to the Committee describing the services provided and available to seniors whether they can afford it or not. Their goal is to provide managed long-term care at home. The services provided by the VNS were described along with eligibility for participants
  - A. The representative is willing to make presentations to community groups, churches, etc. and participate in health fairs. For further information call Marisol Rojas-De La Cruz at (646) 573-2193 or (718) 536-3119.
- III. Meeting Adjourned



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◇ DRAFT LETTER ◇

Dear Elected Officials:

Community Board 7 is alarmed by the proposed cuts to the MTA budget which include Access-A-Ride and city bus lines.

Cuts to Access-A-Ride will affect the most vulnerable, the frail and disabled. For many Access-A-Ride customers, this is the only access to the outside world, both for medical care and social activities.

Cuts and elimination to city bus lines will have a severe impact on workers who depend upon affordable transit to their jobs in the Bronx and Manhattan.

For those who are fortunate and don't need this service, anyone of us is only a misstep away from a huge change in our quality of life.

We also insist that the service continue to drop passengers off at their desired destination, and not at the nearest bus or train station.

To ensure that all these services will continue to be available to our seniors and the disabled population, we are petitioning that there be no cuts in the Access-A-Ride service.

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Send letter to Elected Officials, and the following individuals from the MTA:

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