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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8**

February 26, 2018

Gale Brewer
Manhattan Borough President
1 Centre Street, 19th Flr.
New York, NY 10007

RE: Resolution in Support for Barrier Free Living to be temporarily located at Coler Hospital

Dear Borough President Brewer:

At the February 21, 2018 Community Board 8 Manhattan Full Board meeting, the board unanimously approved the following resolution with a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS Roosevelt Island has a long history of being an inclusive community; and

WHEREAS Coler Hospital is one of the few entities on Roosevelt Island overseen by the City of New York; and,

WHEREAS Barrier Free living is an organization that provides shelter, and assist with finding permanent housing for people with Disabilities (severely disabled; domestic violence; homeless; veterans; and,

WHEREAS this placement has the potential to be beneficial to both groups while supporting people in our communities that are facing housing and domestic violence issues; and,

WHEREAS Coler Hospital has existing unused space that is uniquely perfect for the needs of temporarily housing Barrier Free Living, in so much that Barrier Free Living will have a separate entrance, utilize appropriate space for the 32 beds with separate facilities from the hospital, and will provide, programming, full staffing and 24/7 security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB8 M support the proposal that Barrier Free Living temporary locates to Coler Hospital.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp^{GP}
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Lynne Strong-Shinozaki^{GP} *Sharon Pope*^{GP}
Lynne Strong-Shinozaki and Sharon Pope
Co-Chairs, Roosevelt Island Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District