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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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Bill de Blasio
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Corey Johnson
Speaker, New York City Council
City Hall
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Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner, NYC DOT
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

RE: Legislation on E-Bike and E-Scooters.

Dear Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Johnson, and Commissioner Trottenberg:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 20, 2019, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, e-Scooters have recently been introduced in certain cities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, e-Scooters have had a high injury rate among users due to their high speeds; and

WHEREAS, dockless e-scooter share programs have resulted in haphazardly placed scooters that cause visual blight and interfere with pedestrians when left on sidewalks;

WHEREAS, e-Scooters are not appropriate on New York City sidewalks due to the threat they pose to pedestrians in dense urban environments,

WHEREAS, e-Scooters are not appropriate in bike lanes due to the size disparity compared to bikes and the potential conflicts with vehicles and pedestrians;


WHEREAS, the City Council of New York is considering legislation that would legalize e-scooters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan **opposes** any City Council legislation that contains language that would legalize e-scooters in New York City.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,


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Craig Lader and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th 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