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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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Bill de Blasio
New York City Mayor
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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: Making Business Owners Liable for Any Illegal Operation of E-Bikes by Their Employees.

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 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, individuals who are in violation of laws prohibiting operation of e-bikes in New York City are personally liable for a civil penalty (fine) of \$500;

WHEREAS, e-bike penalties have been especially burdensome to immigrant and low-income populations that are most likely to use e-bikes to perform deliveries for local businesses;

WHEREAS, e-bike ownership has been used as a condition of employment delivery persons by business owners;

WHEREAS, the City Council of New York is considering legislation that would reduce fines for illegal use of e-bikes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports legislative action by the City Council to make business owners or third-party delivery companies liable for any illegal operation of e-bikes by their employees rather than the delivery person him/herself.

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