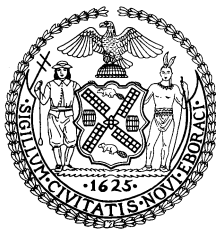


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

January 26, 2011

Christine Quinn  
Speaker  
New York City Council  
250 Broadway  
Suite 1856  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Speaker Quinn:

At the January 19, 2011 /Full Board meeting, Community Board 8M adopted the following resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 Abstention:

**WHEREAS**, one of the top concerns of residents on Manhattan's Upper East Side is illegal and unsafe activity by bicycle riders, such as running red lights, illegal turns, riding the wrong way on one way streets and riding on the sidewalk, and

**WHEREAS**, Manhattan Community Board 8 has passed numerous resolutions urging increased enforcement of existing laws, better regulation of delivery bicycles and improved educational outreach to the entire bicycling community, and

**WHEREAS**, we have recently noticed an increase in usage of various types of electric or e-assisted bicycles, particularly by restaurants for delivery purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, members of the community, especially seniors, have expressed concern that these "motorized" bicycles represent a significant danger to pedestrians and other bicyclists, and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that these types of vehicles fall into a "grey" area of the law failing to be as classified as either a bicycle or a motor vehicles, and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to pass legislation addressing this issue has yet to be passed by either our city or state legislative bodies,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Manhattan Community Board 8 requests that the City Council and State Legislature pass the necessary legislation to classify all power-assisted vehicles with or without pedals, which use any power source other than human power, as a motor vehicle, and that it be required to be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and that the operators thereof be required to be licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf  
Chair

Matthew Bondy and Sharon Pope  
Co-Chair, Housing and Public Safety Committee

Jonathan Horn and Charles Warren  
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York  
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Rose Pierre-Louis, Deputy Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Carolyn Maloney, United States Congress Member  
Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator  
Hon. Jonathan Bing, New York State Assembly Member  
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member  
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, New York City Council Member  
Hon. Jessica Lappin, New York City Council Member