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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 9, 2012

Commissioner Carter H. Strickland, Jr.  
New York City Department of Environmental Protection  
59-17 Junction Boulevard  
Flushing, NY 11373

Dear Commissioner Strickland:

At the February 8, 2012 Land Use Meeting of Community Board 8M, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

This resolution is submitted as CB8M's comments to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued pursuant to the proposed project to repair the Delaware Aqueduct.

**Whereas**, the Delaware Aqueduct supplies approximately half of New York City's daily drinking water needs, and

**Whereas**, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) seeks to undertake a \$2.1 billion *Water for the Future* program that includes repairing leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct, and supplementing the city's water supply during construction work on the Delaware Aqueduct tunnel, and

**Whereas**, DEP plans to address leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct by building a 2 ½ mile bypass tunnel around a portion of the aqueduct that is leaking in the town of Newburgh, NY and repairing leaks from inside the existing tunnel, and

**Whereas**, DEP seeks to break ground on the bypass tunnel in 2013 and complete the connection to the Delaware Aqueduct in 2021, and

**Whereas**, DEP has issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in connection with the *Water for the Future* program,

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8) is in favor of DEP proceeding to build the proposed bypass tunnel to facilitate repair of the Delaware Aqueduct in order to ensure that DEP can continue to deliver high quality drinking water every day to NYC,

**Be it further resolved** that CB8 supports this project contingent upon DEP minimizing and mitigating potential environmental impacts in the areas where the work is to be performed, and upon DEP having an adequate plan in place to supplement the water supply with high-quality drinking water during the shut-down phase of up to 6 to 15 months of the Delaware Aqueduct.

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest  
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Dave Kleckner and Debra Teitelbaum  
Co-Chairs, Environment and Sanitation Committee

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