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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 14, 2014

Public Design Commission City Hall, Third Floor New York, NY 10007 Attention: Jackie Snyder, Executive Director

## **Re: Central Utilities Plant**

Dear Executive Director Jackie Snyder:

On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at the Full Board meeting Community Board 8M voted to approve the following resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** Cornell/NYC Tech will be asking the city's Public Design Commission for approval of the design of the Central Utilities Plant (CUP), and

**WHEREAS** in a resolution adapted by Manhattan Community Board 8 on January 15, 2014 concern was expressed that the dark color of the façade across the street from the dark façade of the existing Sports Park building would create the feel of a dark corridor, and

**WHEREAS** in that same resolution the Community Board noted that the dark façade is in contrast with the other facades on the campus, and

**WHEREAS** in that same resolution the Community Board stated that there is concern that service to the CUP be done totally off-street, and

**WHEREAS** at the Full Board Land Use Committee Meeting on February 12, 2014 Cornell presented revised plans for the façade of the building and stated that all servicing of the building will be off-street

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 approves the revised design with lighter color and constructed of stainless steel, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 applauds Cornell /NYC Tech solution assuring that all service access to the building is off street, except for when major components of the plant need to be replaced.

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest Chair Jeffrey Escobar and Laurence Parnes Co-Chairs, Roosevelt Island Committee

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