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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor The City of New York City Hall New York, New York 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg;

At the March 17, 2010 Full Board Committee Meeting of Community Board 8M, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, the City of New York is constructing Water Tunnel No. 3 at a cost of more than \$6 billion – the City's largest capital construction project – including to allow for essential inspections and repairs of City Water Tunnels No. 1 and 2 for the first time since Tunnel No. 2 was completed more than 70 years ago, in 1936;

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been constructing, and will place into operation, a vertical water supply Shaft 33B in Manhattan CD8 to bring water from City Tunnel No. 3 to the local water distribution system in East Manhattan;

WHEREAS, the Shaft 33B project includes water main construction required to connect the new shaft with the existing subsurface water distribution system that serves the East Midtown and Upper East Side areas;

WHEREAS, the primary water main is slated for construction in Manhattan Community Districts 8 and 6 along E. 59th Street;

WHEREAS, the Shaft 33B and water main construction components have impacted, and will continue to impact, traffic congestion including but not limited to congestion from the Queensborough Bridge

WHEREAS, Manhattan CB8 recognizes the vital importance of the construction of Water Tunnel No. 3, Shaft 33B, and the water main construction;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2010, DEP Commissioner Cas Holloway, NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione, and other members of DEP, DOT and the NYC Department of Design & Construction (DDC) presented at CB8's Environment & Sanitation Committee meeting information including about community impacts in CD8 from the water main project, and answered questions about the construction work:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Manhattan CB8 supports the City's decision, as presented at the February 9, 2010 CB8 Environment & Sanitation Committee meeting, to locate the primary water main on E. 59th Street and the redundant water main on E. 56th Street in order to allow the vitally important NYC Water Tunnel No. 3

construction project to be completed with the least possible negative impacts including: traffic congestion, interference with local business and health care facilities operations, and upon public safety.

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

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf Chair Dave Kleckner & Debra Teitelbaum Co-Chairs, Environment and Sanitation Committee

cc: 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

Margaret Forgione, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation Shane Ojar, Deputy Director, Infrastructure, NYC Department of Design and Construction