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Manhattan Community Board 8

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Re: 147-151 East 86th Street

Dear Sirs,

At the May 18, 2016 Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 8 **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

WHEREAS Ceruzzi Properties ("the Developer") intends to demolish the existing building at the northeast corner of Lexington Ave. and 86th Street, which contains on its mezzanine level two of the four entrances to the northbound (uptown) side of the station serving the Express and Local (IRT 4, 5, 6) lines; and

WHEREAS the 86th Street and Lexington Ave. IRT subway station is the ninth busiest stations in the system with 20 million travelers per year; and

WHEREAS the Developer and the MTA have agreed that the Developer will install a sidewalk elevator to serve the northbound side of the subway station, make changes to the existing mezzanine-level entrance/exits on the NE corner, and add a sidewalk staircase entrance on the 86th Street sidewalk; and

WHEREAS any construction-related temporary closure of the NE corner staircases could reduce the available exits by half; and

WHEREAS when both local and express trains arrive at the same time during the evening rush hour, hundreds of passengers seek to exit the station at the same time; and

WHEREAS, in the event of an incident on a train or platform, e.g., a shooting, fire or smoke condition, or terrorism-related event, this would inevitably create panic and a rush to exit the station, and

WHEREAS any temporary decrease in exit capacity could present an unacceptable risk to the public,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that New York City's public safety agencies, and all agencies with a permitting role in the project, move to assure that under no circumstances will a closure of existing exits be permitted unless equivalent egress is provided at all times during construction.

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

Sincerely,

James Clynes^(AQ)

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Elizabeth Ashby^(AQ) *Elaine Walsh*^(AQ)

Elizabeth Ashby and Elaine M. Walsh
Co-Chairs, Zoning and Development Committee

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