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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Margaret Forgione Manhattan Borough Commissioner NYC Department of Transportation 59 Maiden Lane, 35th Flr. New York, NY 10038

> Re: A discussion by the East River C.R.E.W. on the purchase and placement of a 2nd shipping container to be located under the FDR drive at East 96th Street.

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At the July 15, 2015 Full Board meeting, the board passed the following resolution to **approve** by a vote of 28 in favor, 13 opposed, 1 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS East River C.R.E.W. is a nonprofit organization that offers free rowing and educational activities in the East River; and

WHEREAS Citizens Committee of New York has provided a grant to East River C.R.E.W. for the purchase of a second shipping container/boathouse for their boats and equipment; and

WHEREAS current construction work near East 96th Street and the FDR Drive limits the amount of available space on the south side of East 96th Street where East River C.R.E.W.'s first shipping container is located; and

WHEREAS Community Board 11 has passed a resolution in support of East River C.R.E.W.'s lease application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports Community Board 11 Manhattan's resolution in support of East River C.R.E.W.'s lease application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan suggests that East River C.R.E.W.'s new lease be granted at the most favorable terms possible.

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

Sincerely,

James G. ClynesA. Scott Falk and Charles WarrenSusan Evans and Margaret PriceChairmanCo-Chairs, Transportation CommitteeCo-Chairs, Parks Committee

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Hon. Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Hon. Rebecca Seawright, 76th District
Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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