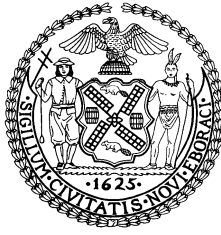


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 21, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Bloomberg;

At the October 20, 2010 Full Board Meeting of Community Board 8M, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8) convened a public forum on April 28, 2009 where information and views were shared by staff of elected officials, environmental advocacy organizations, industry and the general public which highlighted concerns about drilling in upstate New York for natural gas through a process called "hydraulic fracturing;"

WHEREAS, at the May 20, 2009 Full Board Committee Meeting of CB8, a resolution was adopted (by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions) calling for a moratorium on gas drilling by means of hydraulic fracturing at least within the Catskill/Delaware watershed region, unless and until it may be determined by DEC and other decision makers that hydraulic fracturing is safe to practice within NYS, including posing no threat to NYC's water supply;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now conducting a study on hydraulic fracturing's potential impact on drinking water, human health and the environment;

WHEREAS, a bill was introduced in the NYS legislature sponsored by Assembly Member Engelbright and Senator Addabbo (A. 10490A/ S. 7592A) That would establish a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until 120 days after the EPA issues the report (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL);

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Manhattan CB8 supports the intent of NYS legislative proposal A 10490A/ S. 7592A that would establish a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until 120 days after the U.S. EPA issues its study on hydraulic fracturing.

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. 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
Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Senator
Hon. Charles E. Schumer, New York State Senator
Hon. David A. Paterson, New York State Governor