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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

November 21, 2013

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

## **Re:** The schematic design for the co-location building that will be brought to the city's Public Design Commission for preliminary approval

Dear Executive Director Jackie Snyder:

On Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at the Full Board meeting Community Board 8M voted to approve the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS,** on November 14, 2013, Cornell NYC Tech appeared before the Roosevelt Island Committee of Community Board 8 to submit for its review and recommendation of the schematic design and plans for its Corporate Co-Location Building, the second of three buildings to be built during Phase 1 of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the design architect for the Corporate Co-Location Building presented its design intent for the schematic plans during that November 14, 2013 appearance and the developer of the Corporate Co-Location Building was identified as Forest City Ratner; and

**WHEREAS**, the schematic design and plans for the Corporate Co-Location Building enhance river-to-river sight lines throughout the campus while preserving the overall ship's hull master design of Roosevelt Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the schematic design and plans for the Corporate Co-Location Building and its surroundings successfully makes the least impact on the surrounding environment of Roosevelt Island, maintains the open space requirements agreed to during the ULURP process and provides for an environmentally sustainable building; and

**WHEREAS,** members of the Committee still had reservations of whether or not the final design of the Corporate Co-Location Building will sustain and incorporate the agreed to waste mitigation systems, including but not limited to the campus wide garbage dehydration systems that would reduce the amount of waste removal by truck; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the committee expressed concern about the location of access to loading docks for the entire first phase development; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the first building that Cornell NYC Tech has submitted for review and approval by the Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Cornell NYC Tech has indicated that it will return to the Committee for a review and recommendation concerning the proposed Construction Document plans and specifications for the Corporate Co-Location Building including plans showing access to loading areas and the proposed waste mitigation system; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Committee **recommends approval** of the schematic design and plans for the Corporate Co-Location Building provided that Cornell NYC Tech returns to the Committee for review and recommendation the Construction Document Phase plans and specifications for the Corporate Co-Location Building as agreed.

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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