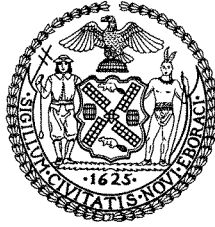


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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

November 27, 2013

Honorable Michael Bloomberg
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RE: Food vendor safety standards and inspections

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

At the November 20, 2013 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8, the following resolution regarding food vendor safety standards and inspections.

WHEREAS the quality and safety of food being sold on the streets is of primary importance to all, and

WHEREAS the food sold on the street, whether cooked or uncooked, is governed by a set of safety rules, but is currently not subject to the same safety and sanitation standards as those required of their bricks and mortar counterparts, and

WHEREAS food vendors have an inadequate inspection schedule, not up to the same schedule as their bricks and mortar counterparts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 asks that the same food safety standards and inspection schedules apply to food vendors as they do to their bricks and mortar counterparts.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

Michele Birnbaum
Chair, Vendor Task Force Committee

Cc: Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Jose Serrano, New York State Senator
Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Dan Quart, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, New York City Council Member
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