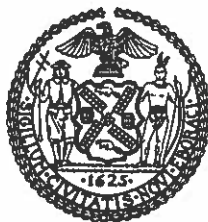


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The City of New York  
Manhattan Community Board 8

March 20, 2017

Honorable Bill de Blasio  
Mayor of City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: Street Vendor Locations**

Dear Mayor Bill de Blasio:

At the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8, the Board reviewed following resolution regarding street vendors and the formation of a city entity to address and assign locations for food and general merchandise street vendors:

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no protocol in the City of New York for assigning locations where a street vendor can do business, and

**WHEREAS**, Intro # 1303 is calling for an increase in the number of food vendor licenses that are issued each year to 630, 30 of which are for Veteran Vendors, in each of the years until 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, after this period of time, the cap may be removed on the recommendation of the Department of Transportation, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 8 has already commented on their objections to the increase in the number of licenses until other concerns, such as location and enforcement of existing vendor law are addressed, and

**WHEREAS**, neither this Intro nor any city entity addresses concerns about street vendor location, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 8 has been receiving numerous complaints about the locations of street vendors, and

**WHEREAS**, clusters of street vendors cause pedestrian crowding and impede access to subway entrances, and

**WHEREAS**, customers of businesses with heavy foot traffic are impeded, and

**WHEREAS**, it would serve the business, residential and vendor community well to have assigned locations for vendors so that vendor clustering could be controlled, and

**WHEREAS**, vendors would not have to "fight" for their spot each day or remain on the street for 24 hours in order to hold their spot,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a city entity be formed to address and assign locations for food and general merchandise street vendors, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such an entity have significant input from the Community Board and residents and businesses in the community.

*This recommendation was approved by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.*

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James G. Clynes in black ink.

James G. Clynes  
Chair

Handwritten signatures of Michele Birnbaum and Marco Tamayo in black ink. Both signatures have "JAB" circled in blue ink above them.

Michele Birnbaum & Marco Tamayo  
Co-Chairs, Vendor Task Force Committee

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Honorable Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Borough President  
Honorable James Oddo, Staten Island Borough President  
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