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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Anne Roest
Commissioner, Citywide Chief Information Officer
Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT)
2 MetroTech Center
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: New proposed locations for LINKNYC Kiosks within CB8

Dear Commissioner Roest:

At the January 10, 2018 Full Board meeting, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor 3 opposed 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, the NYC Dept. of Information Technology & Telecommunications (DoITT) has contracted with CityBridge to replace existing pay phones with LinkNYC kiosks over an eight year period;

WHEREAS, the DoITT contract with CityBridge stipulates borough-wide and city-wide requirements for the project, including the minimum number of kiosks to be installed and a mandate to provide uninterrupted free WiFi corridors;

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised within CB8 regarding LinkNYC siting, visual impacts and safety;

WHEREAS, each LinkNYC kiosk emits a WiFi signal covering a 150 foot radius, allowing for a maximum separation between kiosks to be approximately 275 to 300 feet;

WHEREAS, existing LinkNYC corridors within CB8 include certain clusters with multiple kiosks located significantly less than the maximum separation necessary, which are duplicative to the mission of providing WiFi;

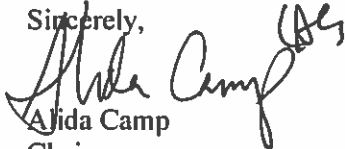
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB8 Requests the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) provide CB8 with detailed corridor-wide plans for future LinkNYC kiosk locations along each avenue/street where they are proposed to be placed. These plans shall aim to include only the minimum number of kiosks necessary to provide maximum separation between kiosks and assure the uninterrupted WiFi that is mandated by the LinkNYC program, and also include street addresses, streetview depictions, and timelines for installation;

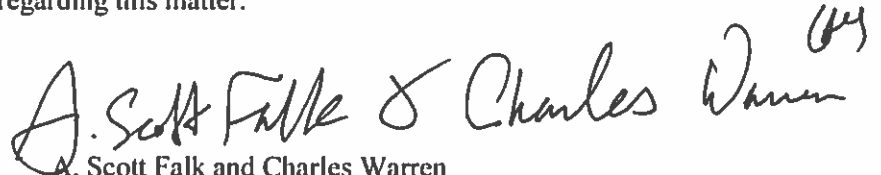
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB8 does not support consideration of any new LinkNYC kiosk locations until such plans are provided;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB8 requests that any current LinkNYC kiosks located within CB8 that are duplicative to fulfilling the mission of providing the uninterrupted WiFi corridors mandated by the LinkNYC program be removed and used in the installation of future locations necessary to fill in gaps in the LinkNYC WiFi network.

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

Sincerely,


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A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

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