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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

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Steven Banks
Department of Social Services
150 Greenwich Street, 42nd Floor
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RE: Continued Discussion from the April 12, 2018 Homelessness Forum

Dear Commissioner Banks:

At the Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8 held on July 18, 2018, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS: The Community Board 8 Manhattan district has a long history of welcoming guests to faith-based shelters; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers reported that in the past beds were filled, the guests were polite, and paper work sent from the drop in center was correct; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers report a negative change, and volunteers have questions concerning changes in the process of sending guests to the faith-based shelters; and

WHEREAS: The volunteers expressed strong desire to continue providing their services if the process improves; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 8M invited the Department of Homeless Services to a meeting to discuss the process to send guests to faith-based institutions; and

WHEREAS: DHS declined the invitation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: Community Board 8M strongly urges knowledgeable representatives from the Department of Homeless Services attend a future committee meeting to discuss the process of sending guests from drop in centers to faith-based shelters.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp (w8)
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David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, and Barbara Rudder (w8)
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Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District