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Kathryn Garcia  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Sanitation  
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**RE: Expansion of Air Quality Monitoring Outside the Immediate Vicinity of the Marine Transfer Station.**

Dear Commissioner Garcia:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 20, 2019, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS**, the air quality in Manhattan Community District 8 is among the unhealthiest in New York City according to the NYC Department of Health data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spring 2019 opening of the Marine Transfer Station will worsen air quality with the introduction of biodiesel trucks that emit harmful NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and black carbon; and

**WHEREAS**, DSNY has only committed to two weeks of air quality monitoring twice a year, even though the instruments have the capability to perform monitoring on a continuous basis; and

**WHEREAS**, there are only four air quality monitors, which are not situated in the locations where community residents and children most commonly congregate or recreate; and

**WHEREAS**, there are sensitive populations and sites nearby the MTS that are outside of the monitoring zones, including schools and the Isaacs Houses & Holmes Towers housing complex;

**WHEREAS**, the Community Advisory Group of the East 91<sup>st</sup> Street MTS has submitted a counterproposal to DSNY's Proposed Air Monitoring Protocol for the East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station that addresses the deficiencies of DSNY's plan to monitor and report on air quality, thresholds for remediation, and mitigation measures;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the Community Advisory Group's Counterproposal to DSNY's Proposed Air Monitoring Protocol and requests its recommendations be implemented immediately;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests the expansion of the areas in which the air quality monitoring takes place to ensure that monitors are installed at locations outside the immediate vicinity of the MTS where children are typically present, including schools and at the playground in the Isaacs Houses & Holmes Towers housing complex.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Alida Camp* <sup>WB</sup>

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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren* <sup>WB</sup>

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

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