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Bill de Blasio New York City Mayor City Hall New York, NY 10007 Corey Johnson Speaker, New York City Council City Hall New York, NY 10007 Polly Trottenberg Commissioner, NYC DOT 55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10041

(WP)

RE: Programs to Provide Assistance for Low-Income Individuals to Convert Class-2 E-Bikes to Class 1 E-Bikes.

Dear Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Johnson, and Commissioner Trottenberg:

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 32 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, the City Council of New York is considering legislation that would create a program that would provide logistical or financial assistance to individuals with incomes not in excess of 200% the Federal poverty guidelines for the conversion of class 2 throttle operated e-bikes to class 1 pedal assist e-bikes;

WHEREAS, the conversion of class 2 e-bikes to class 1 e-bikes are viewed as a measure that would improve safety for pedestrians and other cyclists;

WHEREAS, financial assistance for low-income individuals would enable them to keep bikes they already have purchased that are often used for delivery purposes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports proposed programs to provide assistance for low-income individuals to convert class 2 e-bikes to class 1 e-bikes.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp

Chair

cc:

Craig Lader and Charles Warren

Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York

Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th 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