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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, 9th Floor New York, NY 10041

RE: Fine Reduction for Prohibited Operation of E-Bikes in New York City.

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 <u>approved</u> the following resolution by a vote of 22 in favor, 16 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, individuals who are in violation of laws prohibiting operation of e-bikes in New York City are personally liable for a civil penalty (fine) of \$500;

WHEREAS, e-bike penalties have been especially burdensome to immigrant and low-income populations that are most likely to use e-bikes to perform deliveries for local businesses;

WHEREAS, e-bike ownership has been used as a condition of employment delivery persons by business owners;

WHEREAS, the City Council of New York is considering legislation that would reduce fines for illegal use of e-bikes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports City Council legislative action to reduce the fines for illegal use of e-bikes from \$500 to \$100.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp Chair

cc:

Craig Lader and Charles Warren Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

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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