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**RE: Resolution Supporting City Council Intro. 1234-2018 and Intro. 1261-2018 regarding hate crime prevention and education.**

At the April 17, 2019 Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan, the Board adopted the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS**, hate crimes across New York City in 2019 have more than doubled since the same period in 2018, affecting numerous communities, but with the majority of these crimes being anti-Semitic in nature, as confirmed by the NYPD and the Anti-Defamation League;

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, anti-Semitic incidents rose by 22 percent compared to 2017, and made up 183 out of 352 total hate crimes reported by the NYPD at the end of December of 2018, reflecting an alarming national trend;

**WHEREAS**, while the majority of NYC hate crimes have involved defacement using hate speech, recent incidents have been violent in nature, including physical attacks, with the uptick creating an urgent need for an increased response;

**WHEREAS**, Community District 8 has experienced hate crimes, including the vandalism of Asphalt Green with Nazi symbols, vandalism of a Sukkah in Carl Schurz Park, and racist bullying at Robert F. Wagner Middle School;

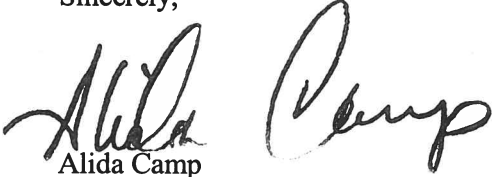
**WHEREAS**, a central office under the direction of the Mayor is needed for the prevention of hate crimes in order to coordinate the response by bringing together various city agencies and law enforcement, gathering data from the city's district attorneys, dispatching city resources, assisting victims, identifying and quantifying hate groups in NYC, and making recommendations to avert and understand hate crimes;

**WHEREAS**, additional educational outreach is needed, including further K-12 programs, to supplement the efforts of a new Mayoral office in order to foster tolerance and understanding by teaching students about diversity and coexistence and providing anti-bias and bias-diffusion trainings by coordinating with various city agencies, interfaith organizations, community groups, and human and civil rights groups;

**WHEREAS**, Intros. 1234-2018 and 1261-2018 fulfill these objectives and were unanimously passed in the City Council and were enacted on February 24, 2019;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan stands firmly against all manifestations of hate crimes in NYC, supports Intros. 1234-2018 and 1261-2018 as enacted, and calls for all relevant agencies to implement these laws immediately.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
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