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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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Honorable Corey Jonson
New York City Council Speaker
City Hall Office
New York, New York 10007

RE: NYC Council Intro. 1362, banning all flavored e-cigarettes except tobacco.

Dear Speaker Johnson,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 18, 2019, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Whereas, The New York City Council have before them, a proposed bill, Int. No. 1362, sponsored by New York City Council members Mark Levine, Andrew Cohen, Keith Powers, Brad S. Lander, Helen K. Rosenthal, Carlina Rivera, Diana Ayala, Margaret S. Chin, Fernando Cabrera, Vanessa L. Gibson, Antonio Reynoso, Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., and Andy L. King titled "Prohibiting the sale of flavored electronic cigarettes"; and

Whereas, this bill will permanently ban all flavored including menthol flavored, but not standard tobacco flavored e-cigarettes; and

Whereas, the purpose of this bill is to "[this bill would] ban the sale of flavored electronic cigarettes, and creates an assumption that any retail dealer in possession of four or more flavored electronic cigarettes intends to sell or offer for sale flavored electronic cigarettes"; and

Whereas, the Community Board supports this bill to address the epidemic levels of teen vaping in New York City schools; and

Whereas, the community board supports this bill to shift some of the enforcement burden from New York City Schools to e-cigarette retail dealers; and

Whereas, current enforcement and mitigating strategies to reduce teen vaping in schools, such as reinstating hall passes, creating and maintaining bathroom logs, and alleged "bathroom raids" have created a disruptive learning environment and in one alleged case, led to a student soiling themselves in the classroom and filing a lawsuit against the school; and

Whereas, the Community Board requests additional resources to be set aside for the increased enforcement of e-cigarette sales;

Whereas, the legislation still enables adults (21 years or older) to purchase and use tobacco-flavored nicotine cartridges to help them quit and/or abstain from smoking traditional cigarettes;

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports New York City Council bill Int. No. 1362 and urges the Committee on Health to vote in favor of this bill; and

Be it further Resolved, that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the New York City Council to pass this bill into law.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Rudder and Lori Bores
Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee

cc: 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
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Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District