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**The City of New York**  
**Community Board 8 Manhattan**

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Bill de Blasio  
Mayor  
City Hall  
New York, New York 10007

**RE: Proposed Bus Stop Shelters on Madison Avenue**

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

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 24 in favor, 12 opposed, 6 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**Whereas** the vibrancy of small businesses on Madison Avenue would be negatively impacted by the installation of the proposed bus shelters, and

**Whereas** the character of the district would be negatively impacted; and

**Whereas** any enclosures would potentially add to the already abundant vacant storefronts in Community District 8; and

**Whereas** since Madison Avenue is in a Historic District, the committee suggests that the Landmark Preservation Commission review the proposal in accordance with the Madison Avenue Storefront Guidelines; and

**Whereas** it is not easy to see through bus shelter glass, restricting views of businesses from the sidewalk and across the street; and

**Whereas** the bus shelters would be a security concern for surrounding businesses; and

**Whereas** retail establishments adjacent to a bus shelter are prohibited from placing advertising of the very nature that is currently permitted on the bus shelter from potential competitors, thereby giving those competitors an unfair marketing advantage,

**Whereas** bus shelters would distort the area's reputation as a world-class business district; and

**Whereas** the proposed bus shelters are large, intrusive and create bottlenecks on already limited sidewalk space; and

**Therefore, Be it Resolved** that Community Board 8 recommends that the Department of Transportation look for alternative locations off Madison Avenue for the placement of the proposed bus shelters.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Paul Higgins and Michael Mellamphy  
Co-Chairs, Small Business Committee

cc: Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, Department of Transportation  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
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