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

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Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10041

**RE: Continuing discussion of proposed changes to New York State laws regarding e-bikes and e-scooters as described in the Governor's Proposed FY 2021 Executive Budget**

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 22, 2020, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** the Governor's Proposed FY 2021 Executive Budget contains provisions to legalize e-bikes and e-scooters in New York State; and

**WHEREAS;** the inclusion of e-bike and e-scooter language does not allow a thorough public debate on the merits of legalizing e-bikes and e-scooters to take place; and

**WHEREAS;** Community Board 8 has held extensive discussions and taken nuanced positions on the legality of e-bikes and e-scooters that considered many local community factors;

**WHEREAS;** the issues regarding e-bikes and e-scooters are complex and varied, and additional factors of interest to local communities within New York City and across New York State should be fully considered;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that Governor Cuomo and the legislature decouple e-bike and e-scooter legalization language from the FY 2021 Executive Budget and treat Class 1 e-bikes, Class 2 e-bikes, Class 3 e-bikes and e-scooters as separate pieces of State legislation.

Sincerely,

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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren*  
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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  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
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Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
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