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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, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10041

RE: Play Street Request - 76th Street between York Ave. and the FDR Drive (requested by The Town School and Lycee Francais de New York)

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on July 15, 2020, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 30 in favor, 12 opposed, 1 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS; The Town School and Lycee Francais de New York, both located on East 76th Street between York Ave. and the FDR Drive, submitted a joint application to participate in NYCDOT's Play Street program; and

WHEREAS; the Play Street would result in street closures between 9:00AM and 2:45PM on school days while Covid-19 social distancing guidelines are necessary; and

WHEREAS; each school is reconfiguring indoor spaces such as gymnasiums and cafeterias into classrooms for social distancing purposes, students will be left with insufficient space to be able to safely get developmentally appropriate physical activity and social time together; and

WHEREAS; in response to comments raised by residents of the block, the school representatives were amenable to reducing the extent of the Play Street begin east of the John Jay House rather than in front of the building; and

WHEREAS; many residents of East 76th Street expressed opposition to the application, and board members suggested using parts of John Jay Park instead;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that Community Board 8 Manhattan **DISAPPROVED** the joint application for a Play Street on East 76th Street as presented by The Town School and Lycee Francais de New York.

Sincerely,

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Craig Lader and Charles Warren
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Co-Chairs, Transportation 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
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