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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: New Open Street Requests**

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 42 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** New York City has established an Open Streets program which aims to provide expanded space for people to safely be outside for walking and other physical activity by prohibiting vehicular use during certain times of the day; and

**WHEREAS;** the 82nd Street St. Stephen's Greenmarket operates on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 2:30PM; and

**WHEREAS;** the popularity of the Greenmarket results in crowded conditions that make social distancing challenging at times; and

**WHEREAS;** Community Board 8 has received requests for 82nd Street to become an Open Street during the hours of the Greenmarket

**WHEREAS;** East End Avenue between 83rd and 89th Streets has been functioning well as an open street since May 2020; and Community Board 8 has supported expansion of the Open Street Program;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests the inclusion of 82nd Street between York Avenue and 1st Avenue in the New York City Department of Transportation Open Streets Program on Saturdays during the hours of operation of the Greenmarket.

Sincerely,

*Alida Camp*

*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, 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  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District