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

July 21, 2020

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Honorable Carl Heastie
Speaker, NYS Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Majority Leader, NYS Senate
188 State Street, Room 907, LOB
Albany, NY 12247

RE: Security and Privacy concerns related to contact tracing - State

Dear Governor Cuomo, Speaker Heastie, and Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins,

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, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS, contact tracing is a critical tool in the effort to combat COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of contact tracing depends on widespread participation;

WHEREAS, that participation relies on community trust;

WHEREAS, contact tracing asks the public to disclose intimate details of their lives such as health and location information and associations;

WHEREAS, if individuals believe that sensitive data will not remain confidential, protected, and safe, they will not participate;

WHEREAS, communities of color will be disproportionately impacted if law enforcement can access and weaponize contact tracing data;

WHEREAS, A.10500-A/S.8450-A sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Gottfried and Senator Gustavo Rivera would ensure law enforcement and ICE will not have access to information collected through contact tracing; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would prevent any law enforcement agent or entity or immigration authority from becoming contact tracers; and

WHEREAS, the bill would ensure that personal contact tracing data “shall not be subject to or provided in response to any legal process or be admissible for any purpose in any judicial or administrative action or proceeding;” and

WHEREAS, A.10500-A/S.8450-A mandates that all collected data must be expunged or de-identified within 30 days of receiving said information; and

WHEREAS, the legislation defines de-identification robustly;

WHEREAS, participation in contact tracing under A.10500-A/S.8450-A remains voluntary;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.10500-A/S.8450-A, legislation that would establish privacy protections for COVID-19 contact tracing programs, and to make these protections retroactive.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lori Bores Rebecca Dangoor Barbara Rudder

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

Cos Spagnoletti Russell Squire

Cos Spagnoletti and Russell Squire,
Co-Chairs of Environment and Sanitation 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