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

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

RE: Security and Privacy concerns related to contact tracing – State and Local

Dear Mayor de Blasio and Governor Cuomo,

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 36 in favor, 5 opposed, 2 abstentions, 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, data collected through contact tracing is likely to be maintained electronically;

WHEREAS, digital databases can be subject to inadvertent disclosure and malicious hacking;

WHEREAS, it is important that the public have the highest confidence that electronically-stored data collected through contact tracing be maintained securely; and

WHEREAS, an independent data security expert can most reliably assess the methods for storing electronic contact tracing data securely and make recommendations regarding same;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls upon state and local governments maintaining electronic contact tracing data to allow an independent data

security expert to assess the methods used for such electronic data storage and to make recommendations, if any, for improvements to such methods.

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

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Co-Chairs of Environment and Sanitation Committee

cc: 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