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

September 17, 2020

Honorable Corey Johnson  
New York City Council Speaker  
City Hall Office  
New York, New York 10007

**RE: Reconstruction of the East River Esplanade**

Dear Speaker Johnson,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 16, 2020, the board **unanimously APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** in light of the recent collapse of the East River Esplanade at 76-74th Street, and

**WHEREAS** the two most recent major collapses, including at 89th Street at Gracie Mansion, have taken place between seawall inspection periods; and

**WHEREAS** there are several other areas of the East River Esplanade showing potential structural concerns;

**BE IT RESOLVED** CB8 requests an immediate inspection of the entire East River Esplanade from 60th to 120th Street to ensure the safety of all Esplanade users and to avoid any further emergency collapses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** CB8 requests that the Parks Department erect more permanent barriers around potentially weakened areas of the Esplanade in order to ensure public safety; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** all engineering reports with previous assessments of the Esplanade and seawall should be submitted to Community Board 8, to be compared with a current report.

Sincerely,

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*Tricia Shimamura and Barry Schneider*

Tricia Shimamura and M. Barry Schneider  
Co-Chairs, Parks and Waterfront 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  
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