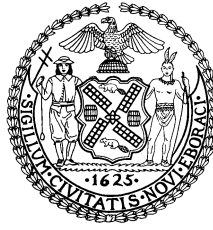


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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

October 23, 2020

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

RE: Childcare Expansion

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 21, 2020, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS the coronavirus pandemic has forced the closure of some childcare facilities that parents had relied on to enable them to work; and,

WHEREAS the school year's highly unusual structure of blended in-school and remote learning, along with a remote-only option, has challenged families' ability to plan when their children will need day care; and,

WHEREAS Mayor de Blasio has created a Learning Bridges program intended to provide facilities for up to 100,000 children enrolled in blended-learning on days when these children are not in school; and,

WHEREAS the CB8M district so far has a Learning Bridges facility that can accommodate only up to 60 children, despite a much higher need for affordable day care in this district: and,
WHEREAS working parents need safe, affordable care for children younger than age three; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M urges Mayor de Blasio to greatly expand the childcare facilities in CB8M that are part of the Learning Bridges childcare program.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that CB8M believes the City should expand Learning Bridges—or create another program that accommodates preschool children, as well as children from middle, as well as low, income families.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB8M urges the City to undertake outreach to building owners and developers to see if they can provide space in their buildings for the Learning Bridges program or for another form of safe, affordable day care for children.

Please advise us on any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp

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Chair

Gayle Baron and Peggy Price

P. Gayle Baron and Margaret Price
Co-Chairs, Women & Families Committee

cc: Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable Jose M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Robert Rodriguez, NYS Assembly Member, 68th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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