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

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Honorable Gale Brewer
Manhattan Borough President
Once Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

Honorable Ben Kallos
Council Member
244 East 93rd Street
New York, NY 10128

RE: New York Blood Center - Center East, (CEQR Number 21DCP080M)

Dear Borough President Brewer and Council Member Kallos,

Community Board 8 Manhattan (CB8) would like to request your help in asking the City Planning Commission (CPC) to postpone the December 15 Scoping Meeting on the DEAS for the Blood Center until after the holidays. Although we are not looking at a season chock full of visits and parties, many residents and other stakeholders are unlikely to be available just before the holidays (and December 15 is in the middle of Chanukah).

Approximately 300 neighborhood residents attended the November 2020 Zoning and Development Committee meeting where this project was initially presented. During the meeting, a straw poll revealed the outsized extent of the opposition.

This is a complicated project, with far-reaching implications for not only this neighborhood, but for Manhattan and the City. It needs a strong review and analysis by the community at each step of the process.

The community, and ultimately the Blood Center, would be well-served by moving the scoping date to January.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Ashby and Elaine Walsh

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Co-Chairs, Zoning & Development

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
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 Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Dr. Chris Hillyer, President and CEO, New York Blood Center