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## The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan

February 22, 2021

Henry Gutman Commissioner Department of Transportation 55 Water Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10041

## RE: Fairway Market 86th Street - Complaints regarding curbside and sidewalk activities

Dear Commissioner Gutman,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 17, 2021, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS,** Fairway Market has operated a retail supermarket at 240 East 86<sup>th</sup> Street since July 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 8 Manhattan granted the original owners of Fairway Market an expanded loading zone in effect 7 days a week between 5AM and 10PM; and

**WHEREAS,** Fairway Market stated the additional hours were needed to allow staggered truck deliveries and prevent double parking that would block a moving lane on East 86<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 8 Manhattan has been fielding complaints on a regular basis since the store opened regarding the unloading activities on the street and along the sidewalk; and

**WHEREAS**, the frequent sidewalk and curbside presence of pallets, crates, forklifts, boxes and merchandise awaiting transfer to inside the store create visual blight and interfere with pedestrian throughput at all hours of the day; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairway Market has not been a good neighbor, and has been unresponsive over the years to repeated complaints regarding their delivery and unloading activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairway Market's current ownership and staff have not displayed any interest or intent to address the ongoing issues; and I

**WHEREAS**, reducing the hours of the loading zone would end at a time when it would accommodate resident overnight parking needs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that the New York City Department of Transportation change the hours of the loading zone in front of Fairway Market at 240 East 86<sup>th</sup> Street from 5AM to Midnight to 7:30AM to 9PM.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell Squire

Charles Warren and Craig Lader

Russell Squire Chair Charles Warren and Craig Lader Co-Chairs, Transportation 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 José 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 J. Rodriguez, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District

Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District

Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District