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

October 1, 2021

Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senate Majority Leader
188 State Street Room 907, LOB
Albany, NY 11247

Honorable Carl Heastie
Speaker of the Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

RE: Support for NY Senate Bill S7296 (regarding leaving the scene of an accident involving an electric scooter or e-bike)

Dear Governor Hochul, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 20, 2021, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS; NYS Senate Bill S7296 was introduced by State Senator Liz Krueger in an effort to hold responsible operators of electric scooters and e-bikes that leave the scene of an accident; and

WHEREAS; New York State Law currently does not treat incidents caused by electric scooters and e-bikes in a manner to similar to those caused by other motor vehicles

WHEREAS; S7296 sets penalties for e-bike and electric scooter operators that leave the scene of an accident at levels comparable to those assessed on other motor vehicle operators and would be based on the seriousness of any injuries involved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports New York State Senate Bill S7296 and other initiatives to crack down on operators of electric scooters and e-bikes that leave the scene of an accident which causes injury or death.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell Squire

Craig Lader and Charles Warren

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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