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

The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
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Albany, NY 12224

Carl E. Heastie  
Speaker  
New York State Assembly  
LOB 932  
Albany, New York 12248

Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
President Pro Tempore/Majority Leader  
New York State Senate  
250 Broadway, Room 1930  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: Community Board 8 Manhattan’s Support of Abortion Rights Bill Nos. A1926, A7573 and A616**

Dear Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Speaker Heastie and President Stewart-Cousins,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 20, 2021, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** a growing number of states are enacting barriers to safe, legal abortions--a right enshrined in the Supreme Court’s ruling in the Roe Vs. Wade decision; and,

**WHEREAS** New York State maintains a strong commitment to reproductive rights and health services; and,

**WHEREAS** pending bills in the New York State Assembly—A1926, A7573, and A6616--would strengthen access to reproductive care for all New Yorkers; and,

**WHEREAS** Bill A1926 would amend the state finance law to establish an abortion access fund, which would break down income barriers, and aid access, to reproductive health care; and,

**WHEREAS** Bill A7573 would require that insurance policies in New York State cover pregnancy termination procedures in every hospital, surgical or medical facility offering maternity care; and,

**WHEREAS** Bill A6616 would require comprehensive sexuality education for students in grades K-12; and,

**WHEREAS** the state legislature’s bipartisan Pro-Choice Caucus advocates for a woman’s reproductive health care and the right therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan strongly supports State Assembly Bills A1926 and A7573 to enhance abortion rights and Bill A6616 to provide comprehensive sexuality education in schools. The Board further supports the state legislature’s bi-partisan pro-choice caucus, which advocates for women’s reproductive health services and rights.

Sincerely,

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*Gayle Baron and Margaret Price*

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Co-Chairs, Women & Families 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  
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Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District