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

December 20, 2021

Kathy Hochul,
Governor of New York State
NY State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Gale A. Brewer,
Manhattan Borough President
1 Centre Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10007

RE: Supporting the Recommendation of Borough President Gale Brewer to Nominate Christine Berthet to the Traffic Mobility Review Board

Dear Governor Hochul and Borough President Brewer,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 15, 2021, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 2 opposed, 9 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS; Community Board 8 Manhattan has resolved that two Manhattan residents, one representing the area south of 60th Street and one representing the area north of 60th Street, should be appointed to the Traffic Mobility Review Board; and

WHEREAS; the congestion pricing zone is to be located in Manhattan, from 60th Street southward; and

WHEREAS; Manhattan below 60th Street is home to about 685,000 residents; and

WHEREAS; the issues facing Manhattan residents residing both north and south of 60th Street are unique and distinct from those of commuters from outside of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS; the interests of Manhattan residents below 60th Street and in the districts bordering the Congestion Pricing Zone boundary will not be adequately represented by Traffic Mobility Review Board members who do not reside in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS; inclusion of Manhattan residents on the Traffic Mobility Review Board is essential for representing the interests of Manhattan residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS; Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer has recommended Christine Berthet to be appointed to the Traffic Mobility Review Board; and

WHEREAS; Christine Berthet is a resident of Manhattan who resides below 60th Street; and

WHEREAS; among Christine Berthet's qualifications for appointment to the Traffic Mobility Review Board is her experience as a former Chair of Community Board 4 Manhattan and co-chair of its Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS; residents and businesses located at or proximate to the boundary of the congestion pricing zone will be impacted in unique ways; and

WHEREAS; the border of the congestion pricing zone divides Community District 8 at 60th Street; and

WHEREAS; private cars, taxis, for hire vehicles and commercial trucks pass through Community District 8 to access destinations within the congestion pricing zone; and

WHEREAS; the issues for residents and businesses located south of 60th Street are not the same as those of residents and businesses located north of 60th Street; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan endorses Borough President Gale Brewer's recommendation of Christine Berthet to the Traffic Mobility Review Board and recommends her appointment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan continues to call for the appointment of a resident living north of 60th Street in Manhattan to be appointed to the Traffic Mobility Review Board.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Alida Camp and Craig M. Lader

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Co-Chairs, Congestion Pricing Task Force

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 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

Christine Berthet Biography

Christine Berthet is a former Chair of Manhattan Community Board 4 and currently serves as the Co-Chair of its Transportation Committee. She chairs the Planning Committee of the Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen Alliance Business Improvement District and is a frequent attendee of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council.

Ms. Berthet is a noted transportation and planning negotiator and has contributed to various city-wide efforts to improve transportation: she was an early champion of congestion pricing, supporting and advocating for Mayor Bloomberg's congestion pricing campaign. She is well-respected by local elected officials, agency commissioners, and her fellow community board members, even when there are disagreements, for her professionalism and knowledge.

Fifteen years ago, she co-founded CHEKPEDS a non-profit organization to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion on the west side of Manhattan. Chekpeds worked with NYC DOT, Port Authority, NYPD and elected officials to redesign the traffic flows on the west side and obtain crucial safety improvements. She has also negotiated with the City for reductions in parking in Hudson Yards and contributed to the Mayor's Midtown Citizen's Committee Tour and Charter Bus Parking Initiative. Recently she produced a study of best practices in the Intercity Bus Industry in the North East corridor with Port Authority's input.

Most recently she was one of the architects of the Hell's Kitchen South Coalition plan, which was instrumental in refocusing and redesigning the Port Authority's plan for the new expanded Port Authority Bus Terminal.

Ms. Berthet campaigned for idle free New York to reduce idling and improve air quality which resulted in state legislation limiting idling time around schools. She also contributed to the 2019 NYC Master Plan legislation to dedicate more street space to pedestrians, cyclists and bus riders. She is member of the Empire Station Complex Community Advisory Committee's Working Group.

Christine lectures at the Earth Institute of Columbia University and trains community board members on transportation planning as part of the Manhattan Borough President annual training program. She serves on the boards of Transportation Alternatives and Streetsblog. She is an advisor to the Design Trust for Public Space and the NYC Department of Small Business Services "Neighborhood Commons" tasked to shape the future of commercial corridors.

In her 30-year corporate career, Ms. Berthet has held executive positions in the technology and financial industries, ran technology start-ups as well as global companies. She started as a Systems Engineer at IBM after getting an MBA in organization and strategy from HEC France. She presently works part time at Sunnyside Records, her family-owned independent jazz label.