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

December 16, 2021

Edward F. Pincar
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

RE: Stop Sign/Traffic Calming at 78th Street/Cherokee Place

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 15, 2021, the board unanimously **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS; Community Board 8 Manhattan passed a unanimous resolution in October 2016 calling for east-facing stop sign and a north-south crosswalk on the eastern side of the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place; and

WHEREAS; Community Board 8 Manhattan passed a companion resolution in October 2016 by a vote of 40 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention calling for installation of one or more speed bumps on East 78th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive; and;

WHEREAS; the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place continues to be a dangerous intersection for pedestrians due to the lack of a crosswalk and the frequent occurrence of speeding vehicles on East 78th Street; and

WHEREAS; a pedestrian was killed at this intersection in 2016; and

WHEREAS; a curb-cut that was built at the southeast corner of the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place was removed in 2021; and

WHEREAS; curb-cuts were built on the northwest and southwest corners where a potential crosswalk may be constructed; and

WHEREAS; NYCDOT is conducting a traffic study that includes assessing the East 78th Street and Cherokee Place intersection for the viability of a stop sign or traffic signal; and

WHEREAS; there continues to be no way to safely and legally cross 78th Street at Cherokee Place, resulting in many people crossing there anyway instead of walking a block west to the intersection of York Avenue; and

WHEREAS; traffic calming measures, school zone signage, and school zone pavement markings should calm traffic and increase safety for all road users;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan reiterates resolutions it passed in October 2016 requesting intersection improvements to East 78th Street and Cherokee Place and the adjacent block to include an east-facing stop sign, a north-south crosswalk, appropriate additional traffic calming measures as necessary including speed bumps, and appropriate signage and pedestrian markings to alert oncoming traffic to the presence of the mid-block intersection and PS 158.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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
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