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

January 13, 2022

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

**RE: Commercial Parking Regulation Request: 115 to 119 East 60<sup>th</sup> St**

Dear Commissioner Pincar

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on January 12, 2022, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 12 opposed, 2 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS**, Amali Restaurant located at 115 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street, is requesting that parking regulations be changed in front of 115, 117 and 119 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street from No Standing 7 AM to 7 PM except Sunday to Commercial Parking 7 AM to 7 PM except Sunday; and

**WHEREAS**, Amali Restaurant currently participates in the NYCDOT Open Restaurants Program; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the presence of a No Standing parking regulation weekdays between 7 AM and 7 PM, Amali Restaurant had to obtain a variance from NYCDOT to accommodate their participation in the Open Restaurant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, new Open Restaurants program guidelines are under development as a new permanent program is scheduled to become effective in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the permanent Open Restaurants program is unlikely to allow restaurants to participate if there are no standing regulations in place; and

**WHEREAS**, Amali Restaurant seeks to continue to participate in the permanent Open Restaurants program starting in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial parking would benefit the entire East 60<sup>th</sup> Street block between Lexington and Park Avenues given the prevalence of commercial vehicle loading and unloading;

**WHEREAS**, the community would like to assist Amali restaurant to enable them to be able to participate in the permanent Open Restaurants Program; and

**WHEREAS**, current no standing regulations on East 60th Street between Third and Fifth Avenues went into effect in 2004 to facilitate crosstown traffic movement and high traffic volumes as a street collecting traffic exiting the Queensboro Bridge, and

**WHEREAS**, NYCDOT has indicated they will not be able to accommodate removal of a moving lane during daytime hours.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **DISAPPROVES** the request for the New York City Department of Transportation to change parking regulations in front of 115, 117 and 119 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street from No Standing 7 AM to 7 PM except Sundays to Commercial Parking 7 AM to 7 PM except Sundays.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Mark Levine, 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  
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Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
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