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

March 23, 2022

Hon. Charles Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
780 Third Avenue, Suite 2301  
New York, NY 10017

Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand  
U.S. Senator  
780 Third Avenue, Suite 2601  
New York, NY 10017

Hon. Carolyn Maloney  
U.S. Representative  
1641 Third Avenue, Suite 311  
New York, NY 10128

**RE: Resolution in support of the confirmation of Deborah Lipstadt to the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism**

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Representative Maloney:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on March 9, 2022 the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 8 Manhattan condemns the recent string of anti-Semitic attacks within Manhattan Community District 8 as well as the anti-Semitic attacks that are happening throughout the country;

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on law enforcement officials and the judicial system to hold those who participated in these hate crimes to be prosecuted to the fullest extent;

**WHEREAS**, the anti-Semitic attacks experienced by members of the Upper East Side are only the latest in a 275% spike in anti-Semitic incidences in the month of January 2022 alone;

**WHEREAS**, in the United States and globally, anti-Semitism is on the rise, leading to significant harm to the global Jewish population, including Jews who live within Manhattan Community District 8;

**WHEREAS**, the rise in anti-Semitism in recent years and months is staggering and Jews have consistently been victims of slander, violence, and terrorism in alarming rates;

**WHEREAS**, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism was established by the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004;

**WHEREAS**, the Special Envoy post is required by statute to be filled;

**WHEREAS**, the post had been vacant for three years during President Trump's administration, until early 2019;

**WHEREAS**, President Biden nominated Emory University Professor Dr. Deborah Lipstadt to fill the critical role in the Department of State on July 30, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt is one of the world's leading scholars of anti-Semitism;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt’s efforts to combat anti-Semitism have been successful not only in the United States but globally;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. cannot afford to leave the post vacant during this critical time of increased hate crimes being committed against Jews;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lipstadt’s record proves she is the most qualified person to fill the role;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on our federal representatives to expedite the approval of Dr. Lipstadt to the office of Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Taina Borrero and Rami Sigal*

Taina Borrero, and Rami Sigal  
Co-Chairs, Youth, Education & Libraries Committee

*Rebecca Dangoor*

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Secretary

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
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  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District