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

March 23, 2022

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

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senate Majority Leader
172 State Street, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

Honorable Carl E. Heastie
Speaker of the Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

Honorable Eric Adams
Mayor, New York City
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Honorable Adrienne Adams
Speaker, New York City Council
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

RE: Support of the City of New York and the State of New York to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism

Dear Governor Hochul, Majority Lead Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie, Mayor Adams, and Speaker Adams:

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, clearly defining and using a more all-encompassing definition anti-Semitism using the IHRA definition will help shape the prosecution of hate crimes in New York and close loopholes in the current hate crimes law;

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) defines anti-Semitism as: “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities;”

WHEREAS, this definition of anti-Semitism has been adopted by 33 countries, 4 U.S. states, countless universities, organizations, and departments of the federal government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the City of New York and the State of New York to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan directly calls on our City and State legislators to propose the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism in New York.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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 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
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