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

April 14, 2022

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

**RE: Accessible Pedestrian Signals and Determining Priority Locations for new signals in  
Community District 8**

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 13, 2022, the board unanimously **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS;** Accessible Pedestrian Signals are a critical safety measure for persons with visual impairments and many other pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS;** Community District 8 has a disproportionately low percentage of intersections equipped with accessible pedestrian signals; and

**WHEREAS;** only 15 intersections within Community District 8, or 5% of the districts intersections, have accessible pedestrian signals, compared to the entire borough of Manhattan in which 9% of intersections have accessible pedestrian signals; and

**WHEREAS;** Community District 8 has 11% of Manhattan's signalized intersections, but only 6% of the borough's intersections equipped with accessible signals; and

**WHEREAS;** a Federal judge has ordered New York City to install 9,000 accessible pedestrian signals over the next 10 years, including 147 in FY 2022, 400 in FY 2023 and 500 in FY 2024; and

**WHEREAS;** New York City Department of Transportation is soliciting input from the public as to where accessible pedestrian signals should be installed; and

**WHEREAS;** in order for New York City to be a truly equitable place, all intersections ideally should have accessible pedestrian signals as soon as possible; and

**WHEREAS;** Community District 8 has many intersections where accessible pedestrian signals are needed, especially in high activity locations and areas where pedestrian safety enhancements should be

prioritized, including by subway stations, schools, hospitals, houses of worship and other major institutions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 requests that New York City Department of Transportation prioritize installation of accessible pedestrian signals in Community District 8 at the following locations: near subway stations, near hospitals, near schools, near houses of worship, and near other major community institutions.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren*

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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  
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