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

May 24, 2022

Daniel R. Garodnick, Chair
City Planning Commission
120 Broadway, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10271

Janno Lieber, Chair and CEO
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: 1357 Second Avenue Transit Easement Certification - ULURP Number: N 220377 ZCM

Dear Chair Garodnick and Chair Lieber,

At the Land Use Committee meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 11, 2022, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 19 in favor, 9 opposed, 6 abstention, and 1 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, a transit easement certification via zoning resolution section 95-041 is being sought by CF East 72 Owner LLC, a private applicant, at 1357 Second Avenue to facilitate an as-of-right development, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan concurs with the MTA that an easement is not required for the proposed development at 1357 Second Avenue, and requests that the CPC certify the MTA's finding due to the location not providing opportunities to provide improved connectivity or accessibility to the 72nd Street Q Train Station, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan considers the need for expanded and improved transit accessibility to be paramount, and requests any proposed development in the Special Transit Land Use District along Second Avenue prioritize and incorporate into their design any accessibility upgrades necessary to achieve the addition of elevators connecting street and station mezzanine levels on the southern ends of the 72nd, 86th and 96th Street Q Train stations to supplement the existing elevators on the northern ends of each station.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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 Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District