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

December 15, 2022

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

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

RE: Cannabis Licensing and Regulations

Dear Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams,

At the December 14, 2022, Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of **40 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause**:

WHEREAS Community Board 8 (CB8) is very concerned with the safety of its neighborhood and residents; and

WHEREAS CB8 is very troubled by the rise and prevalence of illegal sales of marijuana and edibles by unlicensed establishments, such as smoke shops; and

WHEREAS CB8 is very concerned by the lack of enforcement to stop this illegal activity; and

WHEREAS CB wants this type of illegal activity to be stopped immediately; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that CB8 calls on the State of New York and/or New York City to immediately identify and empower an agency to oversee the aforementioned enforcement and shut down establishments operating illegally

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Abraham Salcedo

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Chair, Street Life Committee

Rebecca Dangoor, Wilma Johnson, and Barbara Rudder

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Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, & Social Services Committee

cc: 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 Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member, 68th Assembly District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District

Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District