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

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

Matthew C. Fraser  
Chief Technology Officer  
NYC Office of Technology & Innovation  
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Brooklyn, NY 11201

**RE: Opposition to 5G Street Pole Attachments within 10 feet of adjacent buildings**

Dear Commissioner Pincar and CTO Fraser,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on March 15, 2023, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** the NYC Office of Technology and Innovation (NYCOTI) is required to inform Community Boards of proposed 5G street pole attachment locations only if they are proposed within 10 feet of nearby buildings; and

**WHEREAS;** NYCOTI has notified Community Board 8 of three locations where installation of 5G street pole attachments are proposed within 10 feet of nearby buildings, and provided 15 business days to be provided; and

**WHEREAS;** 15 business days to respond to such requests doesn't allow for sufficient time for Community Boards to notify residents and other potentially impacted stakeholders of such proposals; and

**WHEREAS;** Residents of Community District 8 have previously raised concern about previously installed 5G street pole attachments without prior notification at locations such as at 520 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS;** the appropriateness of the siting of 5G infrastructure locations must be fully considered by Community Boards; and

**WHEREAS;** The size of the 5G street pole attachments are wide enough to have visual impacts; and

**WHEREAS;** Community Board 8 has taken a strong position against other 5G infrastructure being installed without proper notice and hearings; and

**WHEREAS;** 5G street pole attachments 10' or less from nearby buildings is perceived as being too close, regardless of the proposed location; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 disapproves the NYCOTI proposed locations for 5G street pole attachments within 10 feet of buildings at the following locations:

- a. East 60th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues
- b. East 65th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues
- c. East 74th Street between First and York Avenues

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 opposes any location within 10' of buildings that NYCOTI seeks to install 5G street pole attachments;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 requests that NYCOTI provide notification and the ability to comment on any proposed 5G street pole attachment location, regardless of its proximity to existing buildings.

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 Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York  
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