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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
2 MetroTech Center, P1
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 90th 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,

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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