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

May 18, 2023

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

Honorable Adrienne E. Adams
Speaker of the New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

RE: Proposal of New Waterfront Agency

Dear Mayor Adams and Speaker Adams,

At the Full Board Meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 17, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS there is no single agency responsible for protecting our waterfronts against coastal storms or rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS delays to current coastal protection projects can cause monumental damage; and

WHEREAS there is little motivation amongst agencies to take on new coastal projects causing neglect of traditional waterfront assets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan supports Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's proposal to establish a new waterfront agency that will have jurisdiction over waterfront assets and will be responsible for maintaining marine structures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan supports Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's proposal to move waterfront permitting to the Department of Buildings.

Sincerely,

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Sahar Husain and Barbara Rudder

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Co-Chairs, Environment Committee

cc: Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
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 Alex Bores, 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