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

May 22, 2023

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: Disapproval of a 5G Street Pole attachment on 85<sup>th</sup> St. between Madison and Fifth Avenues**

Dear Commissioner Pincar and CTO Fraser,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 17, 2023, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 40 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 the proposed installation of a 5G street pole attachment within 10 feet from a nearby building on East 85<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Madison Avenue; and

**WHEREAS;** Residents of Community District 8 have previously raised and continue to express concern about previously installed 5G street pole attachments; and

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

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 disapproves the NYCOTI proposed 5G street pole attachment within 10 feet of buildings on East 85<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Madison Avenue.

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 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