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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

Sarah Carroll
Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Center Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

RE: Proposed JCDecaux Street Furniture (Bus Shelter) locations along Madison Avenue

Dear Commissioner Pincar and Chair Carrol,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on July 19, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 28 in favor, 12 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS; Community Board 8 Manhattan is on record from September 2019 opposing bus shelters along Madison Avenue; and

WHEREAS; A public hearing was held by the NYC Franchise and Concessions Review Commission in June 2023 to extend and amend the existing agreement between NYCDOT and JCDecaux Street Furniture NY, LLC; and

WHEREAS; The draft agreement includes proposed bus shelters at six bus stop locations along Madison Avenue within Community District 8; and

WHEREAS; Due to the narrowness of Madison Avenue's sidewalks, such proposed bus shelters would use a different design than the standard bus shelter design in place elsewhere in NYC; and

WHEREAS; Even more narrow bus shelters on Madison Ave. would inhibit pedestrian flow, block storefronts, and interfere with business operations for retailers along the corridor; and

WHEREAS; Madison Avenue bus shelters may include illuminated advertisements that are otherwise non-compliant with existing C5-3 and C5-1 zoning; and

WHEREAS; The proposed design has not obtained approval of the Landmarks Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS; Bus shelters such as those being proposed would be in conflict with the character of Madison Avenue;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan opposes proposed bus shelter locations at Madison Avenue between 59th Street and 60th Street, Madison Avenue

and 63rd Street, Madison Avenue between 65th Street and 66th Street, Madison Avenue between 69th Street and 70th Street, and Madison Avenue and 71st Street.

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 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