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

July 26, 2023

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
Senate Majority Leader  
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Honorable Carl E. Heastie  
Speaker of the Assembly  
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Honorable Mayor Eric Adams  
Mayor of New York City  
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Honorable Adrienne E. Adams  
Speaker of the New York City Council  
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Susan M. Donoghue  
Commissioner  
Department of Parks & Recreation  
830 Fifth Ave  
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**RE: E-Bike and Moped Licensing, Registration, and Use in Parks**

Dear Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie, Mayor Adams, Speaker Adams, Commissioner Pincar, and Commissioner Donoghue:

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 32 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** the use of E-Bikes and Mopeds in New York City has grown significantly in recent years; and

**WHEREAS;** pedestrians in Community District 8 are feeling increasingly threatened by e-bikes and mopeds that operate at high speeds; and

**WHEREAS;** e-bikes and mopeds are also frequently witnessed operating in unsafe and illegal manners, including being driven on sidewalks, in the wrong directions on roads, and mopeds using bike lanes they are prohibited from ; and

**WHEREAS;** enforcement by police of e-bike and moped use is insufficient and unable to discourage bad behaviors; and

**WHEREAS;** the lack of license plates and registration of e-bikes is seen as a barrier to proper enforcement; and

**WHEREAS;** the lack of insurance requirements for e-bikes and mopeds is seen as problematic when injuries are caused by them without any responsibility being borne by the operator/owner; and

**WHEREAS;** e-bike and moped use is largely driven by e-commerce and restaurant deliveries, and the business owners and delivery services should bear responsibility for employees working under their direction who use e-bikes and mopeds; and

**WHEREAS;** the recent pilot program that allows e-bikes to be used in NYC Parks such as Central Park has adversely impacted the experience of parkgoers who feel threatened by bikes operating at fast speeds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 calls for license plate, registration and insurance requirements for e-bikes and mopeds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 requests laws requiring that all e-bikes and mopeds be registered before they are allowed to leave stores at which they are sold; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that where violators of safety rules are in the course of their employment by a restaurant or delivery service, Community Board 8 calls for the penalty to be enforced against the business/service and not the operator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 calls for the immediate suspension of the pilot program that now allows e-bikes to be operated within Central Park.

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 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  
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