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

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

Carl E. Heastie
Speaker
New York State Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

RE: Intro 0606-2024 and A-9092 Proposed E-Bike Registration Legislation

Dear Speaker Adams and Speaker Heastie,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 23, 2024, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS; there are no current state or local laws requiring any form of identification on e-bikes and e-scooters; and

WHEREAS; the use of e-bikes and e-scooters has significantly increased in recent years, especially with the growth of e-commerce and food delivery; and

WHEREAS; there have been crashes involving e-vehicles that have resulted in serious injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS; a significant percentage of crashes involving e-vehicles are hit and run incidents, where the operator is never identified or held liable for the injuries they cause; and

WHEREAS; registration of e-bikes and e-scooters would be a step towards holding owners and users accountable when they violate laws or cause physical harm or injuries; and

WHEREAS; lack of identification on e-bikes and e-scooters interfere with the ability for NYPD enforcement of cycling laws such as speeding or running red lights; and

WHEREAS; the New York City Charter includes language regarding support for the health and safety of residents; and

WHEREAS; many residents have expressed fears for their health and safety as pedestrians as a result of increased e-bike and e-scooter activity, and violations of traffic laws by e-vehicles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the Speaker Adrienne Adams and the City Council to bring Intro 0606-2024 to a public hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports passage of New York State Assembly Bill A-9092, which requires bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and have a license plate affixed.

Please advise our office 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 Jerrold 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
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District
Manhattan Borough Commissioner Edward F. Pincar, Department of Transportation