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

December 18, 2025

Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Carl E. Heastie  
Speaker of the New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building 932  
Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
New York State Senate Majority Leader  
172 State Street, Capitol Building, Room 330  
Albany, NY 12247

**RE: Resolution urging New York State Legislators to support bill A1749/S1464 the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act.**

Dear Governor Hochul, Speaker Heastie, and State Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins,

At the Full Board Meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 17, 2025, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 27 in favor, 8 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS**, packaging makes up approximately 40% of the waste in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, managing waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and

**WHEREAS**, most plastic packaging is not recyclable, and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not widely available; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic causes serious pollution, including litter and the use of toxic chemicals, and reducing toxic chemicals means protection for communities and consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, companies that produce packaging should be responsible for the costs of managing packaging waste, not just taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senate Bill 1464/Assembly Bill 1749 would reduce plastic packaging by 30% in 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senate Bill 1464/Assembly Bill 1749 requires remaining packaging to be recycled or reused effectively (75% rate); and

**WHEREAS**, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, pending in the New York Assembly and the New York Senate, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in packaging, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the New York state legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, Assembly Bill 1749/Senate Bill 1464.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason*

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Co-Chairs, Sanitation and Environment Committee

cc: 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  
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District