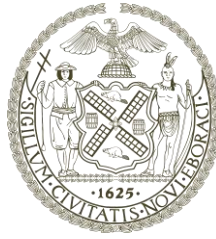


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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

June 1, 2026

Danielle Zuckerman
Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10038

RE: District-Wide 20 MPH Slow Zone Resolution

Dear Borough Commissioner Zuckerman,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 20, 2026, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 23 in favor, 15 opposed, 5 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS, Sammy's Law grants New York City the authority to establish regional slow zones with 20 miles per hour speed limits on applicable streets; and

WHEREAS, crash data demonstrates that while total crashes in Community District 8 have declined in recent years, the injury rate per crash has nearly tripled, making each crash almost three times as likely to injure someone; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian survival rates in vehicle collisions increase dramatically when impact speeds are reduced from 25 MPH to 20 MPH; and

WHEREAS, average vehicle speeds in much of Community District 8 are already below 20 miles per hour in many locations, meaning speed limit reductions would primarily address dangerous speeding vehicles while having minimal impact on overall traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, lowering speed limits by 5 miles per hour results in approximately 36 seconds of additional travel time per mile, amounting to minimal delays for trips within Community District 8, which is only approximately 1.75 miles in length and one mile in width; and

WHEREAS, five Manhattan Community Boards, as well as multiple Queens and Brooklyn community boards, have passed full-board resolutions requesting district-wide 20 MPH slow zones; and

WHEREAS, district-wide implementation provides clearer and more consistent speed limits for drivers compared to piecemeal block-by-block approaches that can create confusion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the New York City Department of Transportation to institute a district-wide 20 miles per hour slow zone on all

applicable streets within Community Board 8 Manhattan, consistent with the authority granted to New York City under Sammy's Law.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Valerie S. Mason

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cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
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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
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