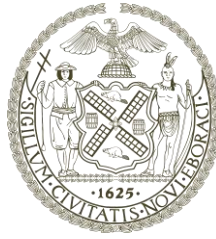


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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

June 29, 2026

Danielle Zuckerman
Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
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Dr. Nancy Cantor
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RE: Public Realm Improvements Project

Dear Borough Commissioner Zuckerman and President Cantor,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on June 17, 2026, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 9 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS, The New York City Department of Transportation Street Seats program provides new pedestrian public spaces and incorporates traffic calming elements that improve safety for all street users; and

WHEREAS, NYCDOT proposes to install a street seat area on East 69th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues outside Hunter College North Building; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College students have identified a lack of outdoor seating as an ongoing concern; and

WHEREAS, the 900 square foot street seat area would occupy 138 feet of curbside with a width of 8 feet, and doesn't remove any legal general parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College has committed to serve as the maintenance partner with year-round staff including holidays and weekends, and will be responsible for daily furniture deployment, cleaning, litter removal, and monitoring of the space; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College will provide contact information for community members to report maintenance or activity concerns; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College stakeholders have conducted community outreach including pop-up events and a community meeting; and

WHEREAS, Educational institutions like Hunter College benefit from outdoor congregating spaces, and this street seat aims to facilitate interaction between students, faculty, and neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, extending the proposed street seat area would allow the southeast corner of Park Avenue and 69th Street to be daylighted; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 8 has previously passed a resolution supporting universal daylighting at street intersections to address safety concerns for pedestrians that may not be visible when cars are parked right up to the intersection, as is the case at this location; and

WHEREAS, Hunter College has agreed to review the use of its existing public spaces, including Jack Poses Park, the area in front of the Danny Kaye Playhouse, the square in front of the main building on 68th and Lexington, and the area in front of the entrance on East 69th, in order to provide more accessibility to students and the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the DOT street seat installation on East 69th Street as presented, and further urges that the street seat be extended westward to the Park Avenue intersection to provide universal daylighting and enhance safety and visibility at that intersection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we call upon Hunter College to develop a plan to make Jack Poses Park open and accessible to the community, as well as to maximize use of their other public spaces for students and the community.

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

Sincerely,

Valerie S. Mason

Craig Lader and Charles Warren

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cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
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Honorable Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Manhattan Borough President
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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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