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

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Re: RIOC's Manhattan Tram Station Elevator Modernization Project.

Dear Sirs,

At the June 15, 2016 Full Board meeting, the board approved the following resolution by a unanimous vote with one not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. (RIOC) is planning to modernize elevator access to the Manhattan Station of the Roosevelt Island Tramway; and

WHEREAS Community Board 8 strongly supports RIOC's plans for two modern ADA-compliant elevators at the Manhattan Station; and

WHEREAS RIOC's Elevator Modernization Project will permanently expand the footprint of the Manhattan Station within Tramway Plaza, which is a New York City Park, and an additional area will be unavailable for the community's use for approximately twelve months during construction; and

WHEREAS the Manhattan Community District 8 has the least parkland per capita of any district in New York City; and

WHEREAS mitigation of the project impacts should benefit the users and neighbors of Tramway Plaza, and

WHEREAS CB8's 197(a) Plan for Tramway Plaza included a decorative water fountain that has never been installed, but for which the plumbing substructure is already in place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports RIOC's Elevator Modernization Project, with the condition that any mitigation must benefit Tramway Plaza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the decorative water fountain for Tramway Plaza Board 8 should be completed and installed as part of this mitigation, as well as further beautification and planting of Tramway Plaza.

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

Sincerely,

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| James G. Clynes Chairman | A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee | Susan Evans and Margaret Price Co-Chairs, Parks & Recreation Committee | Jeffrey Escobar and Larry Parnes Co-Chairs, Roosevelt Island Committee |
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cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Hon. Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Hon. Rebecca Seawright, 76th Assembly District
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
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