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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

December 14, 2023

Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NY State Capitol Building
Albany, NY, 12224

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senate Majority Leader
172 State Street, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

Honorable Carl. E Heastie
Speaker of the Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

Honorable Mayor Eric Adams
Mayor of New York City
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Honorable Adrienne E. Adams
Speaker of the New York City Council
City Hall
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Commissioner Edward Caban
New York City Police Department
1 Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Chris Alexander
Executive Director
New York State Office of Cannabis Management
1220 Washington Avenue
Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor
Albany, NY 12226

RE: Unlicensed Cannabis Shops

Dear Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams, Leader Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie, Speaker Adams, Commissioner Caban, and Executive Director Alexander,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 13, 2023, the board **unanimously** approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

> **WHEREAS** Community Board 8 is deeply concerned with the existence and illegal shops selling cannabis; and
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> **WHEREAS** Community Board 8 is deeply concerned at the lack of enforcement to close down these illegal shops;
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> **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** Community Board 8 calls on the City of New York, the State of New York, the Office of Cannabis Management and the NYPD to i) do more to quickly shut down shops selling illegally selling cannabis and ii) to take steps for holding landlords responsible if necessary to prevent these illegal shops from operating and iii) to make it easier to report illegal shops and to be quickly responsive to the reporting of illegal shops.

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

Sincerely,

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Chair, Street Life Committee

cc: 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