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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

October 31, 2025

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
New York, NY 10007

RE: Resolution in Support of Increased Efforts to Remedy Dog Waste on the Street

Dear Mayor Adams and Speaker Adams,

At the Full Board Meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 22, 2025, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 8 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

> **WHEREAS** New York City Council Member Julie Menin has supported dog waste disposal bags availability around garbage cans (Int 0281-2024); and
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> **WHEREAS** dog waste on streets and tree beds pose health risks, including infections, parasites, allergies, and skin rashes, and can help spread harmful bacteria Giardia, E. coli, Staph, Cryptosporidium, Campylobacter, Helicobacter; and
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> **WHEREAS** these health concerns are exacerbated for high-risk groups like children, those who are frequently outdoors, and immunocompromised individuals; and
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> **WHEREAS** improperly disposed dog waste may aggravate the rodent issue in the district because there are nutrients in dog waste that may attract rats and other pests; and
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> **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 Manhattan urges city and state representatives to pass legislation to install and refill dispensers on public litter baskets in city districts;
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> **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Community Board 8 Manhattan urges city and state representatives to provide resources in the budget to the New York City Department of Transportation and New York City Sanitation Department to install and refill dispensers on public litter baskets in city neighborhoods. We also call on increased creative educational campaigns and enforcement of inflation-adjusted

fines surrounding dog waste. We urge a cultural mindset that recognizes our shared responsibility to keep our neighborhood and city clean.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State
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