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Community Board 8 Manhattan

March 23, 2026

Evan Hines
Acting Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Operations, People & Innovation
NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission
33 Beaver St, New York, NY 10004

RE: TLC Vehicle Accessibility Specifications

Dear Acting Commissioner Hines,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on March 18, 2026, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

> **WHEREAS,** the Taxi and Limousine Commission establishes specifications and guidelines that determine which vehicles are permissible for licensing; and
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> **WHEREAS,** current vehicle specifications, although in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, do not adequately address accessibility concerns for passengers who are ambulatory but have difficulty with high vehicle entry points, inadequate legroom, or doors that are difficult to operate; and
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> **WHEREAS,** these specifications should take into account the diverse needs of New York City's riding public, including elderly passengers and those with mobility impairments who do not require wheelchairs; and
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> **WHEREAS,** specific concerns have been raised regarding vehicle height and step-up requirements, ease of operating doors (particularly sliding doors), and adequate interior space including legroom (distance between front partition and rear passenger seats);
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> **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the Taxi and Limousine Commission to establish specifications and guidelines that ensure TLC-licensed vehicles are accessible to people with mobility issues beyond wheelchair accessibility, including considerations for vehicle height, step-up requirements, ease of operating doors, and adequate interior legroom.

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

Honorable Zohran Mamdani, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Manhattan Borough President
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
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly District
Honorable Julie Menin, Speaker, NYC Council, 5th Council District
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