



July 1st, 2025

Hon. Jessica S. Tisch
Commissioner
New York Police Department
1 Police Plaza Path,
New York, NY 10038

Hon. Rohit T. Aggarwala
Commissioner
NY Dept. Of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Blvd.
Corona , New York 11373

Dear Hon. Commissioner Tisch & Commissioner Aggarwala,

At its scheduled General Board Meeting held in hybrid, on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Reso re: Broadway Billiards (3248 Broadway) – Quality of Life Concerns by vote of 35 in favor, 1 abstention with 36 members present.

WHEREAS, Broadway Billiards & Bar aka La Maravilla Billiards & Bar, located at 3428 Broadway in Manhattan, has been the subject of numerous and ongoing complaints from residents inside the property and the surrounding Harlem neighborhood regarding excessive noise, disorderly conduct, and other disturbances negatively impacting quality of life; and

WHEREAS, members of the community have repeatedly reported instances of loud music, loud bass, intense vibrations, disruptive patron behavior during late-night hours, reverberating noise in the alleyway and double-parked vehicles near the establishment; and

WHEREAS, residents have raised concerns about a lack of enforcement and follow-through on noise regulations and other public nuisance laws, despite regular 311 and 911 complaints; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 has vigorously requested that the City of New York address the issues at this establishment and bring an end to their un-neighborly business practices;

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 has notified various city agencies of this problematic location including the Mayor's Office of Nightlife, NYPD, the Department of Environmental Protection, etc;

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and NYPD have jurisdiction over enforcement of noise codes and public safety matters respectively, and their proactive engagement is necessary to mitigate these quality-of-life issues;

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 recognizes and appreciates the ongoing efforts of the 30th Precinct to address these concerns and their willingness to appear before the board;

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 has received multiple testimonies from residents directly affected by these disturbances and has attempted to engage with the business owner(s) with limited success;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Manhattan Community Board 9 formally requests that:

1. The NYPD increase enforcement of quality-of-life laws in the vicinity of Broadway Billiards & Bar, including but not limited to noise, loitering, and illegal parking violations;
2. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection conduct a formal noise investigation and issue any applicable violations to ensure compliance with the NYC Noise Code;
3. Mayor Eric Adams, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, and Council Member Shaun Abreu support coordinated action among city agencies to address the recurring disturbances associated with the establishment;
4. A representative from Broadway Billiards & Bar appear before the Community Board to discuss community concerns and propose an actionable plan to mitigate disturbances going forward;

5. And, if deemed necessary, the above city agencies and elected leaders will temporarily terminate the operation of this establishment until it agrees to conduct business as a better neighbor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mayor Eric Adams, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Council Member Shaun Abreu, DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala, and NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch for immediate review and action.

If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate contacting me or

District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,

Victor Edwards



Chair

cc:

Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor
Honorable Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
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Honorable Yusef Salaam, Member NYC Council, 9th Council District
Mr. Carey Rose, Police Captain, 30th Precinct
Mr. Jeremy Stumer, Community Affairs Officer, 30th Precinct
Mr. Zead Ramadan, Executive Director, West Harlem Development Corp



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July 1, 2025

Ms. Claire Shipman
President, Columbia University
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Angela Olinto
Provost, Columbia University
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Janet Petro
Acting Administrator, NASA
Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters
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Dear Ms. Shipman, Ms. Olinto, and Ms. Petro,

At its unregularly scheduled General Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Resolution re: **Support of the Reestablishment of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in Manhattan Community Board 9** by 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions, with 36 members present:

Whereas the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), established in 1961, is internationally recognized for its leadership in monitoring earth's climate, seasonal forecasts, climate modeling, Earth system science, and environmental policy research, and its findings contribute directly to global efforts such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the U.S. National Climate Assessment, and the New York City Panel on Climate Change;^{1,2,3,4,5}

Whereas GISS was located in Armstrong Hall at 2880 Broadway (at 112th Street), in partnership with Columbia University, from 1966 through May 2025, creating a 64-year presence in Manhattan Community Board 9 with deep institutional ties to local academic and community networks;⁶

Whereas GISS researchers have led pioneering studies on the urban heat island effect, local air quality, and climate vulnerabilities, and were instrumental in founding the New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC), which has served as a national and global model for urban climate adaptation;^{2,4,5}

Whereas GISS has actively partnered with Columbia University, Barnard College, City College of New York, New York University, and numerous K–12 public schools in the New York City metropolitan area, plus regional museums including The Intrepid, The American Museum of Natural History, The Hudson River Museum, The Queens Hall of Science, and The Climate Museum promoting high-impact STEM learning, mentorship, and citizen science;^{6,7}

Whereas the NASA Climate Change Research Initiative (CCRI), operated through GISS, empowers New York City teachers to co-develop classroom curricula with NASA scientists aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), directly benefiting underserved students and building climate literacy;⁸

Whereas NASA’s FY 2023 economic impact report found that science-related activity in New York’s 13th Congressional District—including GISS—generated \$69.3 million in economic output and supported over 780 jobs, demonstrating the strong return on public investment in science infrastructure;^{9,10}

Whereas in April 2025, NASA canceled its lease with Columbia University for Armstrong Hall, evicting more than 100 researchers and staff from their offices and laboratories as of May 31, 2025, without providing a permanent relocation plan;^{11,12,13,14,15}

Whereas this lease termination occurred amidst broader federal climate policy changes, including Executive Order No. 14162, which directed the United States to withdraw from the Paris Agreement and end funding for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;¹⁶

Whereas Executive Order No. 14260 instructed the U.S. Department of Justice to challenge local and state climate regulations that could be seen as obstructing fossil fuel development, undermining municipal environmental leadership;¹⁷

Whereas the Executive Order on “Restoring Gold Standard Science,” issued in May 2025, grants political appointees unprecedented authority to challenge federally funded research deemed noncompliant, raising concerns among the scientific community about political interference in evidence-based work;¹⁸

Whereas the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), which represents many NASA workers, condemned the closure of GISS’s New York office as fiscally irresponsible and wasteful, especially following a \$6 million taxpayer investment in upgrades and a lease that extended through 2031;^{12,13}

THEREFORE

Be It Resolved that Manhattan Community Board 9 calls for the immediate reestablishment of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) within our district, recognizing its essential role in advancing climate science, education, public health, and economic development;

Be It Further Resolved that Community Board 9 urges the Mayor of New York City, the

Governor of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, New York's Congressional delegation, and the NASA Administrator to work collaboratively with Columbia University and other stakeholders to restore GISS to its original location or a suitable site within Community Board 9;

Be It Further Resolved that Community Board 9 encourages NASA and its partner institutions to commit to long-term investment in physical infrastructure for GISS that supports in-person collaboration, public outreach, and educational programming;

Be It Further Resolved that Community Board 9 calls on federal agencies and congressional committees overseeing science, space, and technology to investigate the process by which the lease for Armstrong Hall was canceled and to ensure future safeguards for federally funded science facilities located in community and university partnerships;

Be It Further Resolved that Community Board 9 requests that any plan for relocating GISS include a robust local hiring strategy, internship opportunities for city students, and open access to research resources for educators and local residents;

Be It Further Resolved that Community Board 9 encourages the City of New York to designate a climate science innovation zone or academic science corridor in Manhattanville-Morningside Heights that can house GISS alongside other scientific, educational, and environmental institutions;

Be It Finally Resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Mayor the New York City Council the Governor's Office relevant city and state agencies members of the U.S. Senate and House representing New York NASA leadership Columbia University leadership and labor unions representing GISS staff to demonstrate this district's strong and unified support for the reinstatement and long-term protection of NASA GISS in our community.

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If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me or District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,



Victor Edwards

Chair

cc: Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor
Hon. Anthony Delgado, Lt. Governor
Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor
Hon. Letitia James, Attorney General
Hon. Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Cordell Cleare, New York State Senate
Hon. Chuck Schumer, New York State Senate
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman
Hon. Micah Lasher, Assembly Member
Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member
Hon. Shaun Abreu, City Council Member
Hon. Yusef Salaam, City Council Member
Vanessa Wyche, NASA Acting Associate Administrator
Brian Hughes, NASA Chief of Staff
Casey Swails, NASA Deputy Associate Administrator
Dr. Nicola Fox, NASA Associate Administrator, Science and Mission Directorate
Dr. Karen St. Germain, NASA Earth Science Division Director
Dr. Makenzie Lystrup, NASA Director Goddard Space Flight Center
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Sharon Sputz, Columbia University AVP Research Initiatives & Development
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Jeffrey Shaman, Columbia University Interim Dean of Climate School
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and Applied Mathematics



July 2nd, 2025

Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez
Commissioner
NY Dept. Of Transportation,
55 Water Street, FL – 9
New York City, New York 10041

Dear Hon. Commissioner Rodriguez,

At its scheduled General Board Meeting held in hybrid, on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Reso re: 110th Street Cathedral Parkway Protected Bike Lane by vote of 30 in favor, 2 opposed and 4 abstention with 36 members present.

WHEREAS, the safety of all road users—cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists—is a critical priority for our community;

WHEREAS, West 110th Street/Cathedral Parkway/Central Park North/Tito Puente way is a vital corridor that currently has gaps in the existing bike lane network, limiting safe travel options for cyclists;

WHEREAS, the installation of protected bike lanes on this corridor between Riverside Dr and the East River Greenway, measuring a distance of 1.9 miles, would help connect these gaps, creating a more cohesive and safe biking infrastructure;

WHEREAS, protected bike lanes have been shown to significantly reduce accidents and enhance safety for all users by providing dedicated space for cyclists, thereby reducing conflicts with motor vehicles and pedestrians;

WHEREAS, increasing access to safe cycling infrastructure encourages more residents to choose biking as a sustainable and healthy mode of transportation;

WHEREAS, the benefits of protected bike lanes extend beyond safety, contributing to reduced traffic congestion, lower emissions, and improved public health outcomes;

WHEREAS, the NYC Streets Plan requires the City of New York to install at least 50 miles of protected bike lanes in each year from 2023 to 2026 and a total of 250 miles in the five years from 2022 to 2026;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB9 supports the installation of protected bike lanes on this corridor between Riverside Dr. and the East River Greenway and encourages that CB10 and CB11 do the same;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the DOT prioritize the safety and connectivity of all road users and allocate necessary funding for the installation of the proposed protected bike lanes.

If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate contacting me or District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,

Victor Edwards



Chair

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Hon. Yusef Salaam, Member NYC Council, 9th Council District

Hon. Jennifer Sta. Ines, Deputy Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation

Mr. Lyle Blackwood, Manhattan Borough Planner, NYC Department of Transportation

Mr. Zead Ramadan, Executive Director, West Harlem Development Corp

Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez

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July 7th, 2025

Hon. Claire Shipman
Acting President
Columbia University
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New York, NY 10027

Dear Acting President Shipman,

At its scheduled General Board Meeting held in hybrid, on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Resolution: Community Board 9 (CB9) Requests that Columbia University Document Existing and Future Campus Sources and Levels of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) and Wireless Microwave Exposure by vote of 33 in favor and 3 abstention with 36 members present.

Whereas there is good reason to question the public need, aesthetics, safety and health impacts of placing 5g/4GLTE microwave Towers in densely populated areas, and

Whereas: CB9 has formally adopted a **Resolution evoking** the Precautionary Principle in rejecting the installation of 5G telecommunications Towers in its jurisdiction, and

Whereas: it has come to the attention of CB9 that a three story (30 foot) tall) high power 5G-4GLTE antenna has been erected at the main entrance to the Columbia campus, and

Whereas this presents a potential increase in exposure, of students, staff, the public and nearby residences, to increased EMF and microwave radiation, and

Whereas Columbia University is embarking on several 'SMART' development and demonstration, projects that may further increase the occurrence of EMF and use of wireless sources of microwave technologies,

THEREFORE, Be it hereby resolved that CB9 requests that Columbia University perform a testing program to establish the baseline (current levels) mapping of exposure to wireless radiation and EMF, and

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Be it further resolved: The CB9 requests that Columbia University engage in an Environmental Quality Review process focused on identifying increases in exposure to and mitigating impacts from EMF and wireless microwave radiation during 'Smart' design project development and demonstration.

If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate contacting me or District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,

Victor Edwards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victor Edwards", written in dark ink.

Chair

cc:

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