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**Resolution in support of the New York City Council's legislative package on parking permit abuse**

At the March 13, 2019 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, city-issued parking permits, also known as placards, as well as unofficial and counterfeit permits and placards, are often used to skirt the law, creating dangerous conditions and fostering a culture of corruption that is illegal and unfair to New Yorkers;

**WHEREAS**, according to an announcement by the Mayor on February 22, 2019, there are approximately 125,000 city-issued placards, indicating a large increase in recent years, in addition to placards issued by state and federal agencies not accounted for in that number;

**WHEREAS**, parking practices often associated with placards include blocking bicycle and bus lanes, crosswalks, sidewalks, and fire hydrants, increasing traffic congestion and hazards to pedestrians and drivers alike during a period in which traffic congestion is already a city-wide crisis;

**WHEREAS**, Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) has noticed incidents of and addressed placard abuse in its district for many years with city agencies including the New York Police Department (NYPD) and has determined concurrently with the Mayor and City Council Speaker that placard abuse is a serious problem which is not being adequately addressed by agencies tasked with its regulation;

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2019 the City Council Speaker announced that in addition to several bills from 2018 addressing placard abuse, five new bills would be introduced which are Intro. 1393-2019, requiring the NYPD to evaluate at least 50 sites a week based on 311 complaints; Intro. 1394-2019, prohibiting official city vehicles from blocking a bike lane, bus lane, crosswalk, sidewalk, or fire hydrant unless it is an emergency; Intro. 1395-2019, to require 311 to accept complaints and photographs related to illegal parking and the misuse of parking permits and respond; Intro. 1412-2019, to require enforcement officers to call for towing of any vehicle blocking a sidewalk, crosswalk, fire hydrant, bicycle lane, or bus lane; and Intro. 1422-2019, to create a standardized application process managed by the NYC Department of Transportation for city-issued parking permits;

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 bills addressing placard-enforcement legislation are Intro. 596-2018, which increases the penalty for a fake placard from \$250 to \$500; Intro. 314-2018, which requires reporting on placard misuse by the NYPD; Intro. 942-2018, which requires a plan on the distribution of placards; Intro. 932-2018, which provides for the revocation of placards for misuse; and Intro. 927-2018, which creates a system to track misuse of placards;

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2019, the Mayor stated his willingness to work with the City Council to reform city parking permits with an expectation that a new digitized system will be in place by 2021 with current placards discontinued;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Manhattan Community Board Six supports Intros. 596-2018, 314-2018, 942-2018, 923-2018, 927-2018, 1393-2019, 1394-2019, 1395-2019, 1412-2019, and 1422-2019 in order to rectify parking permit abuse, enforce the law, enhance public safety, and to allow for a new, efficient, and fair city parking permitting system to be created.

**VOTE: 39 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

Best regards,



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