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Lawrence T. McClean  
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**Hon. Michael Bloomberg**  
**Mayor**  
**City Hall**  
**New York, New York 10007**

**Dear Mayor Bloomberg:**

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on Thursday, September 23, 2004 the following resolution re: Eminent Domain was passed by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

Whereas, Community Board No. 9 Manhattan is undergoing an on going regeneration process through the preparation of its 197-A Plan; and

Whereas, This process has called for a review of past policies; and

Whereas, The Board has never condoned the use eminent domain for private gain; and

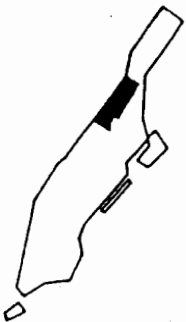
Whereas, Several States have officially repudiated and legally curtailed improper use of the Eminent Domain statute; and

Whereas, Review by our consultants from Pratt Institute has confirmed that conditions in our Manhattanville are not "blighted" ; and

Whereas, Property owned by individual tax paying businesses are in excellent condition; and

Whereas, Properties displaying the most need for remediation belongs to the City or to a non-profit holder; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Community Board No. 9 Manhattan declares its opposition to the use of condemnation through "blight" studies or any other method, as a vehicle toward eminent domain; and be it further



**Hon. Micheal Bloomberg**

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Resolved, That Community Board No. 9 formally requests that **no** government agency present an offer of eminent domain, whether for or not-for profit, to any persons seeking development in the Board 9 Manhattan District.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me or District Manager, Lawrence T. McClean at (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,



Jordi Reyes-Montblanc  
Chair

cc: Hon. Charles B. Rangel, U.S. Congressman  
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator  
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