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**MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD RESOLUTION
REGARDING NEWSRACK ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the proliferation of newsracks has created cluttered, dangerous, and unsightly conditions on the streets of New York City; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the various publications distributed by the newsracks have largely failed to maintain their newsracks according to applicable regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has not effectively enforced newsrack regulations because of deficiencies in the current law and lack of personnel; and

WHEREAS, use of 3-1-1 system for complaints about unlawfully placed or improperly maintained newsracks has not produced meaningful results; and

WHEREAS, other cities have enacted legislation limiting the number of newsracks on each corner, mandating size, appearance, maintenance, and other requirements and have imposed fair licensing fees to fund enforcement activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board requests that:

- The City Council study newsrack legislation in other municipalities and enact a newsrack law, which will curb the current abuses and unsafe conditions of our sidewalks.
- The Department of Transportation provide sufficient administrative and personnel resources to satisfactorily enforce the newsrack regulations.
- The Office of the Mayor take necessary action to encourage and enable the Department of Transportation to more promptly and effectively respond to 3-1-1 newsrack complaints.

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting on October 5, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 10 voted to unanimously approve this resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.