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**A STATEMENT FROM THE
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on the

**"Do not enter with Hoodie or Mask, if so you are now
trespassing signs"**

"Community Board 10 regrets that a few businesses in the Central Harlem community have posted signs that discriminate against individuals wearing hooded apparel or masks, and we are heartened at reports that several of the businesses have ceased posting these signs upon learning of the distress it has caused. Since wearing masks are not a common practice in the community, a ban on wearing masks is unnecessary and inflammatory. Forbidding the wearing of hoodies in a store or other public accommodations is a form of discrimination, pointed directly to the young adult population in our community. Hoodies are worn by everyone, and they have become the most visible clothing on young people in urban and suburban neighborhoods, sporting arenas, social gatherings, playgrounds, etc. They have become the unofficial national uniform of many young adults and celebrities. More importantly, no one has the right to discriminate against a person's choice of apparel. The signs are offensive, and we urge the businesses in our community to immediately remove them. Discrimination in any form is unacceptable. Stop this practice now."

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