

Sample Resolution for Block Associations
Calling Upon Elected Officials To Support Congestion Pricing

WHEREAS traffic congestion in all of the neighborhoods we represent will be significantly reduced if congestion pricing is adopted;

WHEREAS automobile emission and asthma rates will be reduced in all of the neighborhoods we represent if congestion pricing is adopted;

WHEREAS cars and trucks in all of the neighborhoods we represent will contribute less to global warming if congestion pricing is adopted;

WHEREAS it will be easier and safer to walk, run and bicycle in all of the neighborhoods we represent if congestion pricing is adopted;

WHEREAS there will be less traffic heading to and backed up at bridges and/or tunnels in neighborhoods we represent if congestion pricing is adopted;

WHEREAS ambulances and fire trucks will be able to get to their destinations more quickly in all of the neighborhoods we represent if congestion pricing is adopted;

WHEREAS traffic noise and horn honking will be reduced in all of the neighborhoods we represent if congestion pricing is adopted;

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation has agreed to fund \$354 million in transportation improvements and congestion pricing start-up costs contingent upon legislative approval of pricing-based traffic mitigation;

WHEREAS the current \$2.00 subway and bus fare will increase, in the near term, between 20% and 50% if congestion pricing is not adopted;

WHEREAS the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy, a leading New York City–based think tank whose focus is upon the interests of middle class, concluded that congestion pricing is “good policy for New York’s middle class”;

WHEREAS in the short term, the present \$2.00 subway and bus fare will increase between 20% and 50% if congestion pricing is not adopted;

WHEREAS, when it comes to fighting global warming, you are either part of the solution or part of the problem, and congestion pricing is part of the solution;

WHEREAS only 5.2% of New Yorkers will pay a congestion pricing fee if it is adopted, while the money the fees raise raises will be used exclusively to provide better public transportation options and service for all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS New York City will lose its opportunity to receive over \$500 million in federal funding to implement congestion pricing if it is not adopted on or before July 16, 2007;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that [POLITICAL CLUB/ORGANIZATION NAME] supports the implementation of congestion pricing in New York City, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that [POLITICAL CLUB/ORGANIZATION NAME] call upon all New York State and City elected officials, especially those that represent neighborhoods that are also represented by [POLITICAL CLUB/ORGANIZATION NAME], to actively support congestion pricing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to ensure this time-sensitive and critically important resolution receives appropriate attention, [POLITICAL CLUB/ORGANIZATION NAME] shall promptly forward a copy of this resolution to all its local elected officials and appropriate members of the local press.