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## **RESOLUTION TO BE READ & VOTED ON AT THE JANUARY 9, 2019 CLUB MEETING**

WHEREAS Amazon is one of the richest companies in the world, and its owner Jeff Bezos the richest man in the world,

WHEREAS the company is reportedly receiving approximately \$3 billion in tax breaks and incentives to build a headquarters in Long Island City, money that could be well spent on education, infrastructure, housing for the homeless, transportation, energy efficiency, and more,

WHEREAS this deal was made by Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio without input from the New York City Council or the public,

WHEREAS other large companies, including Google and Facebook, have located offices in New York City without any tax breaks or incentives,

WHEREAS Amazon will reportedly “retain bargaining power” with New York for decades to come, and

WHEREAS in 2018 Amazon successfully leaned on the City Council of Seattle, where its headquarters is located, to rescind a tax the council had levied on large employers to combat homelessness,

WHEREAS the Public Authorities Control Board (composed of representatives of Governor Cuomo and the Senate and Assembly majority and minority leaders) must approve financing for the deal,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Three Parks calls on Mayor de Blasio, our elected officials, and the Public Authorities Control Board to deny approval of any tax breaks or incentives for Amazon to locate its headquarters anywhere in New York State.