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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

January 26, 2012

Hon. Adrian Benepe  
Commissioner  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
The Arsenal  
830 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

### **Re: Proposed Exhibition of Sculptures by Rafael Barrios in the Park Avenue Malls**

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstentions:

**WHEREAS** the Art Nouveau gallery in conjunction with the NYC Parks Dept. has proposed a four-month exhibit of sculptures by prominent artist, Rafael Barrios, in the Park Avenue Mall; and

**WHEREAS** the project has the support of the NYC Parks Dept., the Fund for Park Avenue and the Dept. of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS** the Parks Dept. ensures that the structure will not interfere with plantings in the Park Avenue Mall; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of plans to install 10 sculptures—4 of which would be located in the Community Board 8M district—by Rafael Barrios in the Park Avenue Mall from March 1 to June 30, 2012.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest  
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Margaret Price and Barbara Rudder  
Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York  
Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Carolyn Maloney, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District