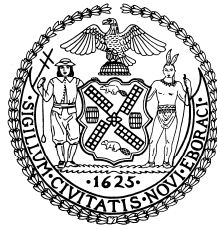


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The City of New York **Manhattan Community Board 8**

February 25, 2011

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

Re: Review of the Parks Dept.'s proposal for an abstract steel sculpture on the Park Ave. Mall in 2012

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the following resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 3 opposed and 3 abstentions:

Resolution:

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. is seeking approval for an abstract steel sculpture by British artist, Sir Anthony Caro, to be placed on three blocks along the Park Avenue Malls from East 59th St. to East 62nd St., from March until August, 2012; and

WHEREAS the Fund for Park Avenue and the City's Transportation Dept. have expressed their support for the art project; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. plans to ensure that the artwork will not jeopardize the existing plantings on the Park Ave. Mall; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. will hire security guards at the sculpture's site if the artwork causes a safety problem; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan approves of the Parks Dept.'s plans to install a 3-block sculpture by Sir Anthony Caro along the Park Avenue Malls, from East 59th St. to East 62nd St., from March to August, 2012.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf
Chair

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, 14th Congressional District Representative
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
Jonathan Bing, Assemblyman, 73rd Assembly District
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