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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 16, 2012

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

Re: Preliminary Proposal to Reconstruct the Tots' Playground in Central Park

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy has presented preliminary plans for renovating Central Park's Tots' Playground, which would improve the area's accessibility, attractiveness and usefulness to parents and children; and,

WHEREAS specific changes include: reconfiguring the area to a more circular design; reducing the steep grade on area paths; creating a low seat wall to bound the playground; adding to the plantings surrounding the playground; and installing play equipment appropriate for young children in suitable colors and textures; and

WHEREAS the existing play equipment is worn, outdated and in need of replacement; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the Central Park Conservancy's preliminary plans for the renovation of the Tots' Playground in Central Park.

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, 14th Congressional District Representative
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Marie Warsh, Director of Preservation Planning, Central Park Conservancy