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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: Presentation by the NYC Dept. of Design and Construction of plans for the redesign of the exterior of Central Park's Tavern on the Green

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 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention:

**WHEREAS** The City of New York is proposing to restore Central Park's Tavern on the Green to its 1934 design, when it was converted to a restaurant; and

**WHEREAS** proposed renovations include reducing the overall size of the building; restoring original features, such as dormers, an arch at the western end of the building and 1934-style windows and doors; adding an ADA-compliant entranceway; adding a glass structure that extends into the terrace; and restoring the circular driveway in the rear of the building; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed changes aim to better blend Tavern on the Green into its overall park environment; therefore.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves of the City's plans for renovating Central Park's Tavern on the Green.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest 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, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative

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