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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 17, 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 a specialty cart in the Cherry Hill section of Central Park**

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 8 voted to oppose the following resolution by a vote of 23 in favor, 17 opposed and 0 abstentions:

**WHEREAS** a processing specialty food cart at the Cherry Hill site in Central Park will create a visual blight in parkland intended to be a verdant, natural setting and haven for cleaner air; and

**WHEREAS** restaurants already exist in Central Park that offer various food choices; and

**WHEREAS** the City has no design requirements for the cart; and

**WHEREAS** Cherry Hill would be an additional vending location and not just a replacement for a hot dog stand; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan, opposes the Parks Dept.'s proposal to seek bids to operate a specialty cart at the Cherry Hill area of Central Park.

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, 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  
Jonathan Bing, Assemblyman, 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