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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 22, 2012

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

Re: Exhibition of Sculptures by Niki de Saint Phalle, July-November, 2012

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 4 opposed and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS the NYC Parks Dept. and the Fund for Park Avenue are proposing a retrospective of the colorful, fanciful works of artist Niki de Saint Phalle to be shown along the Park Avenue Mall this summer from East 52nd St. to East 60th Street; and

WHEREAS this exhibition would coincide with the 10th anniversary of the artist's death; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. maintains that the exhibition would not be harmful to plantings along the Park Avenue Mall; therefore,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves of the plan to install 11 Niki de Saint Phalle sculptures, two of which will be in the CB8M district, along the Park Avenue Mall from East 52nd to East 60th streets, from July to November, 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, 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