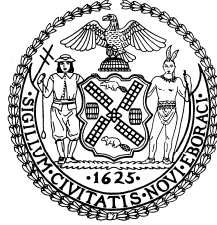


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 21, 2013

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

### **Re: Request to Extend Hours that Dogs Can Be Off-Leash in Central Park**

Dear Commissioner White:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions:

**WHEREAS** the limited 9 PM to 9 AM hours that dogs may be off-leash in Central Park poses a hardship for many dog owners who cannot use the park during those hours; and

**WHEREAS** areas available to off-leash dogs in Central Park have become more restricted over the last few years; and

**WHEREAS** Central Park is lacking in dog run facilities; and

**WHEREAS** there are areas of the park that are lightly visited and are lacking in the kind of sensitive plantings that could be harmed by dogs; and

**WHEREAS** many dog owners recently have received fines for minor infractions while their dogs were off leash; and

**WHEREAS** the dog owner community has expressed a desire to work with the Central Park Conservancy to resolve issues over off-leash rules for dogs in Central Park; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan, urges the Central Park Conservancy to meet with dog owners to discuss and resolve issues to make the Park more accommodating to this constituency.

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  
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 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  
Honorable William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
Douglas Blonsky, President & Central Park Administrator, Central Park Conservancy