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The City of New York **Manhattan Community Board 8**

April 22, 2010

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

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the following resolution by a vote of 20 in favor, 17 opposed and 2 abstentions:

WHEREAS over the past decade, the number of expressive materials vendors has proliferated in certain city parks, including areas of Central Park in the CB8M district; and

WHEREAS this rising number of vendors has increased congestion on public sidewalks and park paths, enhancing the potential for safety hazards; and

WHEREAS the proliferation of art vendors could undermine the design integrity of parks as well as impede the public's usage and enjoyment of them; and

WHEREAS the Parks Department has proposed rules to limit such vendors in four city parks to 81 vendors in total, including 49 in Central Park; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, supports the Parks Department's proposed rules to limit expressive materials vendors in Battery Park, Union Square Park, High Line Park and designated portions of Central Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the Parks Department to ensure that any such new rules include enforcement provisions.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf
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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 Kruger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
Jonathan Bing, Assemblyman, 73rd Assembly District
Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District