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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 23, 2012

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

Re: Plan to Alter Central Park's 72nd St. Cross Drive, Known at Terrace Drive, to Accommodate 2-Way Bicycle Traffic

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 5 opposed and 2 abstentions:

WHEREAS the addition of a bicycle lane on Central Park's Terrace Drive would permit 2-way east-west bike travel through the park at 72nd St.; and

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy, Dept. of Transportation and Parks Dept. maintain that the removal of a lane of car traffic to accommodate this change would not create traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS this plan for a second bike lane on the Terrace Drive would not involve use of the adjacent pedestrian paths; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the plan by the Central Park Conservancy, Dept. of Transportation and Parks Dept. to remove a lane of traffic along Central Park's Terrace Drive in order to create space for a second bike lane on that roadway.

Sincerely,

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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
Marie Warsh, Director of Preservation Planning, Central Park Conservancy
Douglas Blonsky, Administrator, Central Park Conservancy
Honorable William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner