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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 18, 2013

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

Re: Central Park Conservancy Restoration of East 79th St Playground

Dear Commissioner White:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the East 79th Street Playground in Central Park contains play equipment that, in some cases, is not suited to the very young children, aged 2-to-5, intended for this playground; and

WHEREAS the site is not fully ADA compliant and includes a pathway into this play space that is not wheelchair accessible; and

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy proposes a host of improvements for this playground, including an array of new and additional play features; new safety surfacing through the playground; new benches and drinking fountains; new fencing and wall treatment; reconstruction of a nearby path to make it wheelchair accessible; supplementing plantings; and upgrading the area's infrastructure; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the Central Park Conservancy's detailed plans for the reconstruction of the East 79th Street Playground in Central Park.

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