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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

June 20, 2013

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

Requested Support of New Yorkers for Parks' Parks Platform 2013

Dear Commissioner White:

At the Wednesday, June 19, 2013 meeting, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

WHEREAS studies show that the CB8M area has among the least amount of parkland of any districts in New York City; and

WHEREAS CB8M has been actively promoting the need for more parkland and open space on Manhattan's Upper East Side; and

WHEREAS CB8M believes that parkland funding, development and maintenance issues are critical to the quality of life for all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS New Yorkers for Parks has created a Parks Platform 2013, which calls upon NYC's next mayor and administration to implement a 10-point program to improve parks' financing and operations. It would: overhaul how the Parks Dept. is funded; boost transparency and efficiency at the Parks Dept.; restrict the privatization of parks; and integrate parks planning into neighborhood and citywide planning; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M supports New Yorkers for Parks' Platform 2013, which calls on New York City's next mayor and administration to adopt a 10-point program that would improve the financing and operations of New York City's parks. As its major thrusts, the platform would overhaul how the Parks Dept. is funded, increase transparency and efficiency at the Parks Dept., restrict the privatization of parks, and integrate parks planning into overall neighborhood and citywide planning.

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