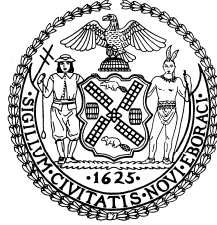


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 22, 2014

Hon. Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver  
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation  
The Arsenal  
830 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10065

### Proposal to Create a Position within the Parks Dept. to Oversee the Reconstruction of the East River Esplanade

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** structural conditions are continuing to deteriorate along East River Esplanade, creating urgent public safety problems; and

**WHEREAS** the City's budget has allocated an initial \$35 million out of a needed \$115 million (in 2012 dollars) to begin needed repairs of the Esplanade between East 59<sup>th</sup> and East 125 streets and between East 36 and East 38<sup>th</sup> streets; and

**WHEREAS** the urgency of renovating and maintaining the East River Esplanade requires a point-person within the Parks Dept. who would focus on obtaining necessary funding for renovations and ensuring that funded work be completed expeditiously; and

**WHEREAS** Parks Dept. officials have expressed an intent to hire an East River Esplanade project manager to oversee the renovation and preservation of the East River Esplanade; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan urges the Parks Dept. to proceed with its expressed intent to hire an East River Esplanade project manager. This person should oversee all aspects of the reconstruction of the East River Esplanade, a substantial portion of which will take place in the Community Board 8, Manhattan district.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, once hired, this project manager should regularly provide CB8M's Parks Committee with reports on the status of renovation and preservation work along the East River Esplanade, from East 59<sup>th</sup> to East 125<sup>th</sup> streets, and from East 36 to East 38<sup>th</sup> streets.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest  
Chair

Margaret Price and Barbara Rudder  
Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Carolyn Maloney, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
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Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner