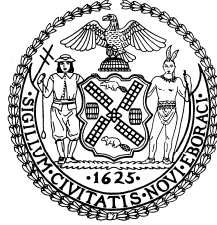


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

September 18, 2014

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

Re: Construction of an ADA-Compliant Ramp at the East 64th St. Entrance to Central Park

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS Central Park's heavily used entrance at East 64th St and Fifth Ave. currently is inaccessible by wheel chair, making it non-compliant with ADA regulations; and

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy proposes to create a three-legged, u-shaped ramp at this location, which would make this entrance usable to people in wheelchairs and to families with strollers; and

WHEREAS the project will include horticultural enhancements at the site as well as improvements to the pavement and steps in that area, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the Central Park Conservancy's plan to create an ADA-compliant ramp at Central Park's entrance at East 64th St. and Fifth Ave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, urges the Central Park Conservancy to create prominent signage designating the new ramp as an entrance for the handicapped and prohibiting bike riding on it.

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, 14th Congressional District Representative
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Ben Kallos, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
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Honorable William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner
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