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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

September 22, 2016

Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver
New York City Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal
Central Park
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

RE: Naming John Jay Park's Swimming Pool After Henry J. Stern

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its September 21, 2016 Full Board meeting, the full CB8M board voted to unanimously adopt the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

WHEREAS the City at large, including Manhattan's Upper East Side, has long benefitted from the many civic contributions of Henry J. Stern; and

WHEREAS Mr. Stern's 40 years of high-level public service included 15 years as Parks Commissioner, as well as two terms as a City Council Member and service as a first deputy commissioner of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS Mr. Stern's many contributions as Parks Commissioner entailed serving as a leader in the movement to create park conservancies, helping invent the concept of Greenstreets to promote green space, successfully pressing the City Council to pass a law criminalizing the destruction of trees, and encouraging the restoration of swimming pools in disrepair; and

WHEREAS Henry Stern, an Upper East Side resident and a former member of Community Board 8-Manhattan, had frequently used the swimming pool at John Jay Park; and

WHEREAS naming John Jay Park's pool after Henry J. Stern involves only the swimming pool and would not include changing the name of that park; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves of the request to name the swimming pool at John Jay Park the Henry J. Stern pool and asks the City's Parks Dept. to adopt that name for the pool as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
Chairman

Susan Evans and Margaret Price
Co-Chairs, Parks Committee

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Hon. Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Hon. Rebecca Seawright, 76th Assembly District
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner