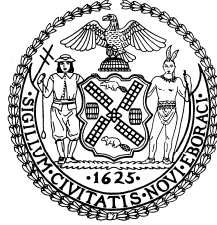


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

November 08, 2012

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

**Re: Discussion about the need/desire for a CB8M position urging institutions on the Upper East Side to provide for public open space when they plan new buildings.**

Dear Commissioner White:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 3 opposed and 0 abstentions:

**WHEREAS** Manhattan's Upper East Side suffers from a severe shortage of public open space, particularly green space, compared with other districts of New York City; and

**WHEREAS** CB8M can help expand available public open space by encouraging institutions to include such open space in their development plans; and

**WHEREAS** providing public open space could enhance institutions' compatibility with the residential zoning districts in which they are permitted to exist; and

**WHEREAS** providing public open space would help local institutions demonstrate their concern for the community they operate in and sense of partnership with it; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan urges all organizations planning new facilities in the CB8M district to incorporate public open space into their plans for the project.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest  
Chair

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, 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Assembly Member Dan Quart, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner