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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 17, 2013

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

Re: Discussion of desires/needs for improving the East River Esplanade specifically in the CB8M district

Dear Commissioner White:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Parks Department announced the results of an engineering study that determined the needs and costs associated with the repair of the decaying and crumbling East River Esplanade infrastructure; and

WHEREAS that engineering study concluded that it would cost about \$11.5 million per year, or about \$115 million over 10 years, to repair the Esplanade; and

WHEREAS if Esplanade repairs are not undertaken as prescribed in the engineering report, costs to repair the Esplanade ultimately could climb as high as \$400 million; and

WHEREAS New York City's budget does not include funding to repair the East River Esplanade; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M urges the City to allocate \$11.5 million annually for the renovation of the East River Esplanade.

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