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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8**

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

RE: Reconstruction of the Landscape and Perimeter in Central Park, from W 86th Street to W 90th Street

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its October 19, 2016 Full Board meeting, the full CB8M board voted to unanimously adopt the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy has created plans to reconstruct the landscape and perimeter in Central Park, from West 86th St. to West 90th St.—a project that aims to address the area’s erosion and compaction from intense use and inadequate irrigation and drainage; and

WHEREAS the scope of work will include such work as constructing new subsurface drainage and irrigation systems, restoring the meadow, improving edge plantings, installing new more appropriate benches, regrading sloped paths and installing handrails, and making various improvements to the park’s perimeter in the work area; and

WHEREAS the proposal also includes creating an ADA- accessible route along the path from Central Park West to the West Drive; and

WHEREAS improvements to the perimeter of the park, between West 86 St. and West 90th St., coincide with the CPC’s on-going park-wide effort to restore deteriorated stretches of the park’s perimeter; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan (CB8M) approves of the Central Park Conservancy’s plans to reconstruct the landscape and perimeter in Central Park, from West 86th St. to West 90th St. These plans include such features as: creating new subsurface drainage and irrigate systems; restoring the meadow, re-grading sloped paths; installing improved furnishings and plantings; creating an ADA-accessible path from Central Park West to West Drive in the park; and undertaking various improvements to the park’s perimeter in the West 86 St. to West 90th St. area.

Sincerely,

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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
Douglas Blonsky, Central Park Conservancy, President & Central Park Administrator
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