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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

November 17, 2011

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

### **Re: Plan to Reconstruct Central Park's North Harlem Meer Landscape, Shoreline and Playground**

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, Manhattan Community Board 8 voted on the following resolution by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions:

**WHEREAS** The Central Park Conservancy has proposed a preliminary plan for restoring the Harlem Meer landscape, shoreline and playground that calls for enhancing the safety, accessibility and overall usability of the space; and

**WHEREAS** specific plans call for reconstructing area paths to make them safer; upgrading the scenic quality of the area through additional and improved planting; making open space more usable; and replacing deteriorated equipment in the East 110<sup>th</sup> St. Playground with new and more diverse forms of play equipment; and

**WHEREAS** the planned renovation of the E. 110<sup>th</sup> St. Playground would fulfill the CPC's goal of better integrating playgrounds into the overall park landscape and park experience; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's preliminary plans for the reconstruction of the North Harlem Meer landscape, shoreline and playground.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf  
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