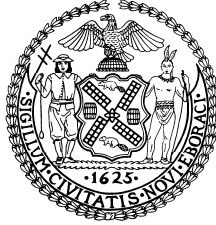


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The City of New York **Manhattan Community Board 8**

November 19, 2015

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

Re: John Jay Park: The Need to Repair and Upgrade the Park's Basketball Court

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the following resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the CB8M district has among the least amount of parkland of any district in New York City and an extremely limited space for ball playing--especially given the large population of Manhattan's Upper East Side; and

WHEREAS deteriorating conditions at the ball court at John Jay Park has made this area dangerous for users as well as visually unattractive; and

WHEREAS the growing array of problems at this ball court include poor drainage, deteriorated equipment, including basketball backboards and hoops, dilapidated fencing and benches, and broken, unsafe pavement; and

WHEREAS the ball court's entrance and a water fountain are not ADA-compliant; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M strongly urges the Dept. of Parks and Recreation to repair and upgrade the deteriorated ball court at John Jay Park. Urgent repairs should include a new drainage system; new basketball backboards and netting for hoops; new fencing; new benches; repaving the ball court and repainting the lines on it used for ball playing. In addition, the court's entrance and water fountain need to become ADA-accessible.

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. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Hon. Robert J. Rodriguez, Assembly Member, 68th District
William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner