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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

December 16, 2010

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

Re: Old Croton Aqueduct System Signage

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the following resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 10 opposed and 1 abstentions:

WHEREAS the proposed signs on the Old Croton Aqueduct system would be intrusively tall and unsightly and conflict with the scenic and natural landscape of the landmarked Central Park; and
WHEREAS the materials for the proposed signs would be less durable than the existing metal signs in Central Park created by the Central Park Conservancy; and
WHEREAS the signage would be unnecessary to the enjoyment of Central Park and would overplay the importance of the Croton Aqueduct system, since that system played only a small role in Central Park's history; and
WHEREAS designers of the signs ignored Cb8M's requests for modification of the proposed large signs;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan disapproves of the proposal for signs in Central Park describing the Old Croton Aqueduct system.

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
Jonathan Bing, Assemblyman, 73rd Assembly District
Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District