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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: Funding to Continue the Repair and Upgrade of the East River Esplanade on Manhattan's Upper East Side**

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its March 15, 2017 Full Board meeting, the full CB8M board voted to adopt the following resolution by a unanimous vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the need for repairs and upgrades to the East River Esplanade on Manhattan's Upper East Side has become increasingly urgent as the area continues to deteriorate, creating ever more dangerous conditions; and

**WHEREAS** such eroding conditions range from missing barriers along the highway side of the Esplanade; to broken fencing; to sinkholes on the pathway; to worsening blight around the former Con Edison area of the Esplanade; and

**WHEREAS** an engineering study several years ago had identified the need for \$115—an amount that has since risen to \$210 million to repair the Esplanade on the Upper East Side, but so far, the City has allocated only \$41 million of that total; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan urges the City to allocate an additional \$169 million in its fiscal 2018 budget to complete urgently needed infrastructure repairs to the East River Esplanade on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

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, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Hon. Dan Quart, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Hon. Rebecca Seawright, 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC Parks & Recreation  
Steve Simon, Manhattan Chief-of-Staff, NYC Parks & Recreation