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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

April 20, 2017

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

RE: Central Park Conservancy: Renovation of the Belvedere Castle

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its April 19, 2017 Full Board meeting, the full CB8M board voted to adopt the following resolution by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy is proposing an approximately \$10 million restoration of Belvedere Castle, which is one of Central Park's most visited sites; and

WHEREAS the proposed project involves comprehensively restoring the core and shell of the castle as well as creating an ADA-accessible route to the site; and

WHEREAS the extensive work on the castle would include: restoring the castle's parapet walls and terraces with effective drainage and waterproofing systems; cleaning and repointing the water damaged exterior masonry; restoring the wood pavilions, and recreating the decorative wood tower at the northwest corner; replacing windows, main entrance door, and upper terrace doors with clear glass; and refinishing the interior, modernizing mechanical systems, and upgrading utility services; and

WHEREAS the CPC is proposing to create an ADA-accessible route from the park's East Drive to the castle that involves regrading and realigning existing paths over an elevation change of 25 feet; and

WHEREAS the CPC proposes requiring the path south of Turtle Pond to have a retaining wall and parapet to accomplish the grade change, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's extensive \$10 million plans for the restoration of Central Park's Belvedere Castle, including plans for an ADA-accessible path to this site.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
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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, NYC Parks & Recreation
Steve Simon, Manhattan Chief-of-Staff, NYC Parks & Recreation
Douglas Blonsky, Central Park Conservancy, President & Central Park Administrator
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