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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: Reconstruction of the East 67<sup>th</sup> Street/Billy Johnson Playground**

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 a \$2.5 million program to reconstruct the East 67 Street/Billy Johnson Playground in Central Park; and

**WHEREAS** proposed improvements would upgrade and expand the playground's existing play features, while also making site fully compliant with current safety standards; and

**WHEREAS** specific changes would include: establishing a water feature at the amphitheater; replacing the existing spray bollard with a user-active spray feature; introducing a net-climbing experience in the sand area; creating a second granite embankment slide that is ADA accessible and accommodates younger children; replacing current bucket swings to comply with current safety standards; replacing deteriorated timber-lined edges of paths; and repaving the playground for ADA-accessibility; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's proposed plans for the renovation of the East 67 Street/Billy Johnson Playground in Central Park.

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  
Douglas Blonsky, Central Park Conservancy, President & Central Park Administrator  
Sandra Huber, Central Park Conservancy, Director of Program Administration  
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