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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 67th 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, 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
Sandra Huber, Central Park Conservancy, Director of Program Administration
Lisa Kudo, Administrative Manager, Planning, Design & Construction, Central Park Conservancy