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**The City of New York**  
**Manhattan Community Board 8**

May 18, 2017

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

**RE: Reiterating the Request to Name the Swimming Pool at John Jay Park after Henry J. Stern John Jay Park**

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its May 17, 2017 Full Board meeting, the full CB8M board voted to adopt the following resolution by a vote of 27 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** May 1st was the 82nd birthday of Henry J. Stern, former Manhattan Community Board 8 member and former Commissioner of NYC Department of Parks and Recreation; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Stern has been a lifelong advocate for public pools and swimming programs, such as the morning and evening community swims he labeled Early Bird and Night Owl; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Stern annually celebrated the summer season in NYC parks with a 77-lap community swim on July 7 in Manhattan's John Jay Park, located on East 77<sup>th</sup> Street within Community Board 8; and

**WHEREAS** CB8M believes that, although the Parks Dept. has declined CB8's initial request to name John Jay Park's pool after Mr. Stern, the Parks Dept. should reconsider its decision in light of Mr. Stern's long and exceptional service to New Yorkers; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan reiterates its request that, as soon as possible, the swimming pool in John Jay Park be named the Henry Stern Agua Center. The designation would honor Mr. Stern's many contributions to healthy outdoor recreation throughout New York City.

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