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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 77th 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, 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