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The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan

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

RE: Supervision and Cleanliness in Ruppert Park.

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 17, 2018, the board <u>approved</u> the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that the entire area within Ruppert Park is a designated playground; and

WHEREAS dogs are not permitted in any New York City Playground; and

WHEREAS local residents and other Ruppert Park users have repeatedly reported seeing dog owners allow their dogs to run off leash in the planted areas within the park; and

WHEREAS local residents and other Ruppert Park users repeatedly report seeing dog owners neglecting to pick up after their dogs, and

WHEREAS the most problematic time for park rule infraction is 6-9 am and 6-7 pm,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 recommends the Parks Department PEP Officers work with the 19th Precinct NYPD Officers for closer and more regular supervision and issuance of tickets in Ruppert Park, particularly during peak morning and evening hours.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp

Chair

M. Barry Schneider and Tricia Shimamura Co-Chairs, Parks and Recreation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York

Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative

Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District

Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District

Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District

Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District

Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District