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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: Queensboro Oval Revenue Being Dedicated to Parks in Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 17, 2019, the board voted to **approve** the application in accordance with the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS Community District 8 Manhattan ("CD #8") has among the least amount of public open space – park land – in the Borough, and

WHEREAS many of our parks, though well used by the public throughout the year, do not receive the public funding necessary to meet the needs of these heavily trafficked oases, and

WHEREAS the Queensboro Oval, a 1.24 acre park in the southeast quadrant of CD #8, has not functioned as a free and open public park but is the proposed home, of a concession, namely York Avenue Tennis, LLC, a private enterprise, for the next ten years. York Avenue Tennis, LLC generates some \$2.6 million a year in revenue, and

WHEREAS all revenue from all Parks' concessions citywide currently goes into the city's general fund and is not directed to the Department of Parks and Recreation, and

WHEREAS it has long been the position of Community Board 8 that Queensboro Oval not be used for this concession and instead be returned to the public, as a public space for the entire community to enjoy, and

WHEREAS if Queensboro Oval is not be returned to the community as a true public space, Community Board 8 urges the City to dedicate all revenue generated by Queensboro Oval to the parks of CD #8,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the City of New York to dedicate the funding stream generated by the Queensboro Oval to the parks in CD #8 for the maintenance and beautification as long as Queensboro Oval generates revenue from a concessionaire.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,


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cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th 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