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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

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

RE: East 72nd Street Overlook.

Dear Commissioners Trottenberg and Silver:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 15, 2019, the board voted to **approve** the following resolutions by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:


WHEREAS the Department of Transportation currently owns this location and is responsible for the upkeep, and **WHEREAS** the extremely poor conditions of some of the cobblestones could cause a serious tripping hazard, and **WHEREAS** the benches are splintered and in poor condition for sitting, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 strongly recommends that Department of Transportation repair the cobblestones and replace the benches as soon as possible, if not immediately.

WHEREAS Community Board 8 recommends the above repairs & replacements be made to the cobblestones and benches, and **WHEREAS** there is already an active group of residents that is looking after this area when possible, and **WHEREAS** this piece of property is better suited to be designated as parkland, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 recommends that the Department of Transportation work with the Department of Parks & Recreation to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two agencies to establish this as jointly operated property under Parks, as soon as possible.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,


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

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