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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, New York 10065

Elizabeth W. Smith
President and CEO
Central Park Conservancy
14 East 60th Street
New York, NY 10022

RE: Central Park Conservancy's Re-envisioning of the Pool and Rink on the Harlem Meer and Completing the Restoration of the North End of Central Park

Dear Commissioner Silver and President Smith,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on November 20, 2019, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy plan to restore the Harlem Meer and the northern end of the Park as a vital resource for the surrounding community, and

WHEREAS this aging facility has been beset by systemic problems since it opened in 1966, and

WHEREAS the proposal will reconnect the Harlem community to the larger park experience, and

WHEREAS the project proposes to replace the aging and flood-prone structure with a new swimming and skating experience enveloped by a landscape that is seamlessly integrated into the Park's landscape,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan recommends approval of the Central Park Conservancy's presentation and asked that the Conservancy keep the Community Board up to date on the project.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Barry Schneider and Tricia Shimamura ^{WSP}
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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 Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District