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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

April 22, 2021

Commissioner Mitchell Silver  
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation  
The Arsenal, Central Park  
830 Fifth Ave.  
New York, NY 10065

**RE: Parks Licensing Agreement for Space under Queensboro Bridge**

Dear Commissioner Silver

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 21, 2021, the board unanimously **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 48 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

**Whereas;** Both Community Boards 1 and 2 in Queens Support this Licensing Extension and it is of a benefit to the entire City of New York's Parks.

**Whereas;** Big ReUse has been a partner with the Roosevelt Island Compost initiative for 6 years and just under 80 tons of food scraps have been turned into compost from Roosevelt Island alone and that has directly benefited all of New York City's Parks.

**Whereas;** the Roosevelt Island Community has prioritized its Zero Waste initiatives and its collaboration with Haki Composting and Be ReUse and they are a major part of this effort and that this effort has continued even during the Pandemic.

**Whereas;** we believe that the cutbacks in Sanitation due to the Pandemic Crisis have detrimentally effected environmentally sound initiatives and we believe that preserving this composting site at all costs will help move the City back on track before the Pandemic Crisis creates a further Ecological Crisis in our City.

**Be It Resolved;** that we The Roosevelt Island Committee of Community Board 8 Manhattan and the Board Support the Parks Department extending a Licensing agreement with Big ReUse under the Queensboro Bridge at its current site indefinitely.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Lynne Strong-Shinozaki*

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Chair, Roosevelt Island 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 José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Robert J. Rodriguez, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District