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

June 24, 2021

Mitchell J Silver, Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Ave
New York, NY, 10065

RE: Restoration of the Croquet Greens in Central Park

Dear Commissioner Silver,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on June 16, 2021, the board unanimously **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the New York Lawn Bowling Club is approaching its 100th anniversary in 2026; and

WHEREAS the current state of the bowling lawns in Central Park are uneven, patchy, and nonfunctional for lawn sports; and

WHEREAS the original characteristics of the Moorish Style Mineral Springs building have been lost in its current form; and

WHEREAS there is a need for more restrooms at the current Mineral Springs building; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 supports the historical restoration of the Mineral Springs building and urges the Central Park Conservancy and New York City Parks and Recreation Department to restore the lawn to pristine conditions for bowling, croquet, and other lawn activities.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Tricia Shimamura and Barry Schneider

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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 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