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Gabrielle Fialkoff, Commissioner  
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation  
830 Fifth Ave  
New York, NY, 10065

Melissa Eger, Commanding Officer  
19th Precinct, New York City Police Department  
153 East 67th Street  
New York, NY 10065

**RE: Vandalism at UES for BLM Vigil**

Dear Commissioner Fialkoff and Commanding Officer Melissa Eger,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on November 17, 2021, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS** the UES for BLM Vigil has continued in Carl Schurz Park since the Summer of 2020, and

**WHEREAS** the UES for BLM Vigil offers all visitors a place to reflect on the violent attacks on people of color and has been a place for education and community, and

**WHEREAS** there continues to be vandalism at this site, including spray-painting, ripped signs, and the smearing of feces on the posters, posing significant health risks and safety concerns for those who have continued to visit and care for the Vigil, and

**WHEREAS** members of the UES for BLM Vigil have continued to raise concerns about the vandalism taking place at the Vigil, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 Manhattan strongly condemns the vandalism in the Carl Schurz Park and calls on the Parks Department and the NYPD to do everything they can, including sharing any available video footage of this vandalism broadly, to stop these acts of hate.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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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