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

May 19, 2022

Susan M. Donoghue
Commissioner,
Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Ave,
New York, NY, 10065

RE: Adult Fitness Area on The East River Esplanade in the Area Underneath the Ramp to the Esplanade Between 77th And 78th Streets

Dear Commissioner Donoghue,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 18, 2022, the board unanimously **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the Community Board has requested on numerous occasions that exercise equipment be installed on the East River Esplanade, and

WHEREAS the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) has committed to improving the East River Esplanade from 72nd to 78th Streets, and

WHEREAS the NYC Parks Department has proposed installing an Adult Fitness area on the Esplanade in the area underneath the ramp to the Esplanade between 77th and 78th Streets, the area HSS has committed to improving, and

WHEREAS the design of the exercise area will match the color palate approved by the Parks Department, and

WHEREAS the Adult Fitness Area will include signage on the safe and proper use of the equipment, and will include a No Dogs Allowed sign in the Adult Fitness Area, and

WHEREAS the proposed design of the Adult Fitness Area will include equipment manufactured by KOMPAN, and

WHEREAS HSS and the Parks Department committed to installing Adult Fitness Equipment that can be used by Seniors, persons with disabilities, and people of different heights,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the proposed installation of an Adult Fitness Area underneath the ramp between 77th and 78th Streets, and

BE IT FURTHER RERSOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan strongly urges that increased lighting be installed in the area to ensure a safe environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RERSOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan strongly urges that a security camera be installed as part of the construction of the Adult Fitness Area.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Felice Farber and Judith E. Schneider

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Co-Chairs, Parks and Waterfront Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Mark Levine, 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 Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
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