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

**RE: Approval of the installation of the proposed artist exhibit on the Park Avenue Mall in Community District 8.**

Dear Commissioner Donoghue,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 19, 2023, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS** Sophia Vari is a world-renowned Greek visual artist specializing in bronze sculpture;

**WHEREAS** Parks Department proposes to install 12 sculptures by Sophia Vari along the Park Avenue Mall between 53rd and 62nd Streets;

**WHEREAS** each artwork will be attached to a painted based made of wood and metal;

**WHEREAS** the project has been approved and accepted by the MTA Metro-North engineering team;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the installation of the proposed artist exhibit on the Park Avenue Mall in Community District 8.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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*Felice Farber and Judy Schneider*

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Co-Chairs, Parks and Waterfront Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District  
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District  
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District

Honorable Anthony Perez, Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
Honorable Steve Simon, Chief of Staff to the Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation