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

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Iris Rodriguez-Rosa
Commissioner
Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Ave
New York, NY, 10065

Elizabeth W. Smith
President & CEO
Central Park Conservancy
717 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10022

RE: Approval for the installation of new lights at Grand Army Plaza North and South

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa and President Smith,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 17, 2025, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS Central Park Conservancy presented new lighting poles for Grand Army Plaza North to light the statue of General Sherman; and

WHEREAS Central Park Conservancy presented new lighting poles for Grand Army Plaza South to light the Pulitzer Fountain and statue of Paloma on top; and

WHEREAS the lighting poles will be black powder-coated finish, 25 feet high, with a photocell at the top and a small control box; and

WHEREAS this change is required by NYC DOT, as they can no longer maintain the photocells on the existing poles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 supports the Central Park Conservancy's change in the lighting.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Valerie S. Mason *Felice Farber and Judith Schneider*

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Co-Chairs, Parks and Waterfront Committee

CC: Honorable Tricia Shimamura, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreation
 Honorable Steve Simon, Chief of Staff to the Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Department of Parks & Recreation
 Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor 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 Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District