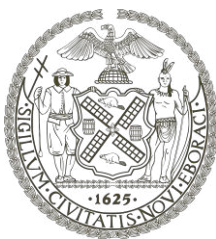


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January 23, 2026

Tricia Shimamura
Commissioner
Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Ave
New York, NY, 10065

RE: Ruppert Park Fence Height

Dear Commissioner Shimamura,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on January 21, 2026, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the existing fence on the back side of the park to the west is seven (7) feet, and the rest of the surrounding fence is 6 feet at Ruppert Park; and

WHEREAS members of the public and Community Board 8 Manhattan have expressed significant concerns regarding a proposal to reduce the fence height to four (4) feet, including concerns related to park safety, security, and usability; and

WHEREAS in February 2022, Community Board 8 Manhattan adopted a resolution calling for a fence height greater than four (4) feet at Ruppert Park;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan strongly recommends that the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation maintain the existing exterior fence heights of seven (7) feet on the western wall and six (6) feet along the remainder of the park perimeter;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that maintaining the existing fencing should not be an additional expense and should not delay the completion of the project.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Valerie S. Mason *Felice Farber and Judith Schneider*

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Chair

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Co-Chairs, Parks and Waterfront Committee

cc: Honorable Steve Simon, Chief of Staff to the Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Department of Parks & Recreation
 Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State
 Honorable Zohran Mamdani, Mayor of the City of New York
 Honorable Brad Hoylman-Sigal, 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 Julie Menin, Speaker, NYC Council, 5th Council District
Honorable Virginia Maloney, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Elsie Encarnacion, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District