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

November 25, 2019

Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver  
New York City Parks and Recreation Department  
The Arsenal  
Central Park  
830 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10065

Elizabeth W. Smith  
President and CEO  
Central Park Conservancy  
14 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10022

**RE: Central Park Conservancy's Re-envisioning of the Pool and Rink on the Harlem Meer and Completing the Restoration of the North End of Central Park**

Dear Commissioner Silver and President Smith,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on November 20, 2019, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** the Central Park Conservancy plan to restore the Harlem Meer and the northern end of the Park as a vital resource for the surrounding community, and

**WHEREAS** this aging facility has been beset by systemic problems since it opened in 1966, and

**WHEREAS** the proposal will reconnect the Harlem community to the larger park experience, and

**WHEREAS** the project proposes to replace the aging and flood-prone structure with a new swimming and skating experience enveloped by a landscape that is seamlessly integrated into the Park's landscape,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Community Board 8 Manhattan recommends approval of the Central Park Conservancy's presentation and asked that the Conservancy keep the Community Board up to date on the project.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Alida Camp* <sup>WTS</sup>  
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Chair

*Barry Schneider and Tricia Shimamura* <sup>WSP</sup>  
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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, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District