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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

September 21, 2026

Tricia Shimamura
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 of the Central Park Conservancy's plan to renovate the Pinebank Arch Landscaping

Dear Commissioner Shimamura and President & CEO Smith,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 16, 2026, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

> **WHEREAS** the Central Park Conservancy is coming to the October Parks meeting and they will also present a more contextual lighting fixture for the underside of the bridge with warm soft lighting;
>
> **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the Central Park Conservancy's plan for the renovation of the Pinebank Arch Landscaping.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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