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Honorable Corey Johnson
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224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206
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Re: Capital Funding for Parks in Council District 3

Dear Councilmember Johnson:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) would like to thank you for providing \$1.6 million worth of capital funding for parks within Council District 3. As you are well aware, our neighborhoods are seeing an explosion of new residential development. Our open space, however, is not growing and our small neighborhood parks are being used by increased numbers of people. Our district has traditionally ranked near the bottom for open green spaces. MCB4 welcomes any opportunity to add open green space to our district, but we are also concerned about the state of our current parks. The commitment by your office to our existing parks will go a long way towards adding to the quality of life for residents and visitors to our District.

As reported by your staff at CB4's Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee (WPE) meeting the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has provided your office with a very detailed update of planned work for our neighborhood parks. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the ongoing conversation with DPR and your office to ensure community concerns are addressed. It is our hope that your office will also consider providing capital funding for some of the smaller green spaces, like the pocket parks within our district that provide a much needed oasis from our increasingly crowded neighborhoods.

The open dialog established by your office will result in improvements that will match community needs for parks like Clement Clarke Moore, DeWitt Clinton, Hudson River and Matthews-Palmer. CB4 looks forward to continuing the conversation with DPR and your office in the near future.

Sincerely,

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