June 21, 2019

Hon. Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP
Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Letter of Support re: Friends of Morningside Park

Dear Commissioner Silver:

At its regularly scheduled General Board meeting held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 Community Board No. 9 Manhattan approved the following Letter of Support re: Friends of Morningside Park by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

The Community Board 9 of Manhattan supports the Friends of Morningside Park (FMP) community organization in their stewardship of Morningside Park. With a long history leading initiative to improve and safeguard Morningside Park, we, the representatives of the Manhattan Community Board 9, recognize the volunteer work of FMP and look forward to another great year of FMP stewardship.

As FMP vies for funding and other resourced opportunities to improve Morningside Park, CB9M would like all NYC Park stakeholders to know that we support FMP in their endeavors. Over the last 10 years FMP has provided the Morningside Park and surrounding community with cultural events, infrastructure & maintenance investments, and meaningful advocacy all which CB9M supports. Scenic Landmark designation, a farmer’s market, the Common Ground Festival, Earth Day event, and the installation of Big Belly trash receptacles are highlights of the FMP stewardship agenda.

As FMP celebrates 38 years of park advocacy, Manhattan Community Board 9 thanks the Dept. of Parks and Recreation for its consistent and longstanding support and collaboration with the Friends of Morningside Park. Moving forward we encourage and support an ever-stronger partnership between DPR, other stewards of Morningside Park, FMP and our elected officials for the benefit of Morningside Park.
If any further information is needed please do not hesitate contacting me, or District Manager Eutha Prince at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,

Padmore John
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill DeBlasio, Mayor
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman, 13th D-NY
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Brian Benjamin, State Senator, 30th A.D.
Hon. Robert Jackson, State Senator, 31st A.D.
Hon. Inez Dickens, Assemblymember, 70th A.D.
Hon. Daniel O’Donnell, Assemblymember, 69th A.D.
Hon. Al Taylor, Assemblymember, 71st A.D.
Hon. Mark Levine, City Councilmember, 7th C.D.
Hon. Bill Perkins, City Councilmember, 9th C.D.