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Commissioner Liam Kavanagh
City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation
The Arsenal
Central Park
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Re: Proposed Community Garden at Lot #14 Block 1827 – Property of City of NY Assigned to HPD

Dear Commissioner Kavanagh:

Manhattan Community Board 10 is writing this letter in support of the **111th Street Harlem Garden Association's** creation of a community garden at 239-37 West 111th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, designated as Lot #14 Block 1827. The area encompasses 5,046 square feet (50' x 100.92').

The 111th Street Harlem Garden Association is proposing a garden that will provide a safe green space for local residents to grow their own herbs, fruits and vegetables organically in order to improve their health and quality of life. The project includes the provision of grow space to students of PS 241 in support of the school's curriculum and will also be opened to local area Harlem sculptors. All interested residents of the immediate area surrounding the lot will be included as participants in the project design, direction and management. The organization will seek to create a democratic and fully transparent organization and has no plans to monetize the garden or to allow any group to operate a for-profit business on the site. The project will be respectful of neighbors and will be open only during daylight hours. The 111th Street Harlem Garden will be continually sensitive to the needs of all neighbors.

The 111th Street Harlem Garden Association has substantiated that they are of full understanding and in agreement with any restrictions that might be imposed by HPD concerning the use of the space and that HPD maintains the right to re-acquire the space.

On Wednesday, February 5th at Manhattan Community Board 10's monthly General Board Meeting, members considered a recommendation by the Parks Recreation & Transportation Committee to provide support of this community project.

The Parks, Recreation and Transportation Committee voted unanimously in favor: 10 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstentions. Manhattan Community Board 10 is in support of this proposed community garden which engages our residents in a healthy and community-building manner.

Sincerely,

Henrietta Lyle
Chair, Community Board 10

Cc: Honorable Inez Dickens, City Councilwoman
Honorable Karen Horry, Acting-Chair PRT Committee