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Manhattan Community Board 10 Resolution Re: The Need for Assignment of Increased Number of Park Enforcement Patrol Officers to Manhattan Community Board 10

Whereas: two (2) Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Officers cover four (4) Community Boards; 9, 10, 11 and 12; and

Whereas: the two (2) PEP Officers covering Community Boards 9, 10, 11 and 12 are assigned to patrol park pools in addition to area parks, recreation centers, playgrounds, green and public spaces during the summer months; and

Whereas: the importance of park safety is vital to the community and parks need to feel safe for people to use them. Research shows that perception of safety can be more significant in influencing human behavior than actual crime statistics. If citizens perceive a park as unsafe, they might not make use of it at all; and

Whereas: PEP Officers patrol and monitor parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, green and public spaces to ensure compliance with NYC Park Rules and Regulations; and

Whereas: Central Harlem has a population of approximately 118,000 residents; and

Whereas: Manhattan CB 10 has a total of twenty-nine (29) parks and playgrounds, covering approximately 241 acres and approximately eleven (11) acres of community gardens; and

Whereas: PEP officers educate the public on proper usage of our parks and playgrounds, and watch over our beaches and marinas, recreation centers, and other public spaces; and

Whereas: PEP is available to assist the public with first aid, crowd control during special events, such as parades and concerts, and reaching out to individuals in need of shelter and housing; and

Whereas: St. Nicholas Playground North and Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground are undergoing extensive renovations under the Community Partnerships Initiative (CPI) Program in CB 10; and

Whereas: on January 13th, the CB 10 Parks and Recreation Committee and the Community emphasized the urgent need for the assignment of PEP Officers to be in proportion to the number of parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, green and public spaces in CB10 in order to facilitate residents feeling safe in using area park facilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on March 2, 2016, the Manhattan Borough Community Board 10 supports the resolution regarding the need for assignment of increased number of park enforcement patrol officers to Manhattan Community Board 10 with a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.