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NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
The Arsenal, Central Park
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Deputy Inspector Timothy J. Beaudette
Midtown North Precinct
306 West 54th Street
New York, NY, 10019

Re: Matthew Palmer Playground

Dear Commissioner Castro and Deputy Inspector Beaudette:

Manhattan Community Board 4 has recently become aware of the need for some additional security at Matthew Palmer Playground due to the increased use of the facility by PS 51 nearby during construction. We understand that there are two possible sources to address this need: one being DPR's Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) and the other officers from Midtown North Precinct. We realize that both are both stretched by limited resources. Nevertheless, we are requesting some additional support from either source, in particular on certain days and hours.

During school days, the times of most need are from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 .pm. As we shift to the summer when school ends, coverage is most needed in the late afternoons from Thursday to Sunday. This park, like most parks in NYC, benefits from neighborhood volunteers for many tasks including cleaning, painting and the like. But security really needs to come primarily from uniformed personnel, and we hope that, between a combination of PEP and Midtown North Precinct, such additional security can be provided to enhance the safety of park users.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



John Weis
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[signed 3/3/11]

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