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Mr. Adrian Benepe, Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal, Central Park
830 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Re: Renovated Ball Fields at DeWitt Clinton Park

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

Manhattan Community Board 4 is writing in support of the renovations to the ball fields at DeWitt Clinton Park, with some minor modifications at the suggestion of the community and other users of the ball fields.

After a thorough presentation from Bob Redmond of the Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) at the December 13 Waterfront and Parks Committee (“WPC”) meeting, members of the community and representatives from John Jay College and other organizations that use the ball fields expressed their enthusiasm for the planned renovations of the fields. The majority of the user groups did, however, favor moving the clay cut-outs from the northwest corner ball field (as indicated in the current plans) to the northeast corner ball field. While it is difficult to please all of the users of the ball fields, this approach appears to meet the needs of the majority of the public. All other aspects of the planned renovation of the fields look great.

Community Board 4 eagerly anticipates the completion of these ball fields and thanks DPR for its work on this much-needed project.

Sincerely,

Jean-Daniel Noland, Chair Manhattan Community Board 4

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Cc: Elected Officials, Bob Redmond (DPR), DeWitt Clinton Park Conservancy