

March 25, 2021

Re: Manhattan Community Board 10 Initiative for Exhibit in Central Park to Commemorate the Exonerated Five and Social Justice

To whom it may concern:

In January 2021, Manhattan Community Board 1 (CB1) received a presentation by representatives of Manhattan Community Board 10 (CB10) regarding the Exonerated Five and their initiative supporting an exhibit in Central Park to commemorate the Exonerated Five and social justice. As we understand, the CB10 Parks and Recreation Committee has been addressing this community-based initiative since October 2019 when it was first raised.

CB10 is working to facilitate a diverse, community-based process working towards a permanent exhibit to be located in NYC Central Park, as well as to flesh out objectives, goals and corresponding stakeholders and community partners to bring the project to fruition. As part of this initiative, CB10 has conducted discussions with community stakeholders, elected officials, city and state agencies and not-for- profits to solidify a broad-based and diverse subcommittee to make permanent this proposed Central Park exhibit.

CB1 supports this initiative by our neighbors in CB10 and we applaud the thorough work they have conducted to ensure that the planning process is comprehensive and diverse. We agree that these issues of social justice warrant commemoration, and that doing so provides an opportunity for further discussion and much needed progress in these areas. We are pleased to state our support of this concept and we offer our partnership with CB10 to make permanent this most worthy exhibit.

Sincerely,

Tammy Meltzer, Chairperson