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RE: NYC Parks “Walk to a Park” Neighborhood Initiative

At the April 9, 2026, Queens Community Board 2 meeting, with a quorum present, a motion was made and seconded to conditionally support the NYC Parks “Walk to a Park” Neighborhood Initiative. The motion passed by a vote of 30 in favor and one in opposition.

The motion consisted of the following:

The Board recognizes the initiative’s importance as a step toward improving equitable access to open space while noting that it does not, on its own, fully address the district’s longstanding park shortages. The Board recommends that the City commit to baselined capital funding for parkland acquisition and development; acknowledge that significant underserved areas will remain (including specific areas of greatest need where this process yielded no identified sites) and that additional actions will be required; continue and expand the initiative with updated data and site identification; integrate park planning with broader land use changes such as rezonings, housing growth, and infrastructure capacity; and maintain transparency and ongoing engagement with Community Boards through regular updates on progress, funding, and implementation.

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Cc: Colleen Alderson, NYC Parks
Hon. Grace Meng, US Congress
Hon. Nydia Velazquez, US Congress
Hon. Michael Gianaris, NYS Senate
Hon. Kristen Gonzalez, NYS Senate
Hon. Steven Raga, NYS Assembly
Hon. Claire Valdez, NYS Assembly
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