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## **RESOLUTION COMMUNITY BOARD 2 QUEENS**

The following resolution was passed at the Community Board 2 February 1, 2024 in Support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding.

WHEREAS, parks and green spaces provide numerous benefits to communities, including promoting physical and mental health, providing spaces for community gatherings and events, improving air quality, climate resiliency and cooling, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents;

WHEREAS, many parks and green spaces have experienced neglect and underfunding, resulting in deteriorating conditions and limited programming options;

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign proposes to dedicate one percent of the City's annual budget towards parks and green spaces, ensuring adequate funding for staffing, maintenance, and other critical needs;

WHEREAS, many large U.S. cities allocate more than one percent of their city budgets to parks, which has resulted in significant improvements to parks and green spaces in those communities. San Francisco spends 1.6 percent of its municipal budget on parks, Los Angeles spends 2.9 percent, Chicago 4.3 percent and Minneapolis 5.3 percent.

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign has garnered widespread support from community organizations, advocacy groups, and residents who recognize the importance of parks and green spaces to the health and well-being of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [insert community board] fully supports the 1% for Parks campaign and urges our elected officials to allocate this increased funding in the New York City budget. We believe that investing in parks and green spaces is essential to creating a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community that benefits all residents.

We call on our elected officials to prioritize parks and green spaces in budget decisions and work towards ensuring that all members of our community have access to safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and green spaces.

*“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”*

