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Mitchell J. Silver **FAICP Commissioner** New York City Department of Parks & Recreation 830 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10065

Re:To Support Preference For NYC Parks Requests For Bids To Be Given To CB 10 - Based Restaurants and Vending Trucks/Carts Economically Impacted By COVID-19 PANDEMIC in CB 10

Dear Commissioner Silver

Manhattan Community Board (CB) 10 is writing this letter in support of designating Preference For NYC Parks Requests For Bids To Be Given To CB 10 - Based Restaurants and Vending Trucks/Carts Economically Impacted By COVID-19 PANDEMIC In CB 10 Parks.

NYC Parks expects to issue the Request for Bids in mid to late spring for food carts that would be placed at A. Philip Randolph Square with a roving ice cream or food truck that would move between three sites: Fred Samuel Playground, Renaissance Playground and Holcombe Rucker Park.

It is the recommendation of Manhattan CB10 that CB 10 restaurants and food vendors be given "first right of refusal" in the request for bid process. Central Harlem indigenous vendors should be provided every opportunity to revitalize and sustain their businesses as we recover from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely

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NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Congress Member (via e-mail)

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Honorable Inez Dickens, NY State Assembly Member (via e-mail)

Honorable Al Taylor, Assembly District 71 (via e-mail)

Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President via (e-mail)

Honorable Bill Perkins, NYC Council (via e-mail) Gregory Baggett, A Philip Randolph Square Alliance (via email)

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