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January 11th, 2023

Susan Donoghue
Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Re: **Letter of Support to Install A Dog Run in Jackie Robinson Park**

Dear Commissioner Donoghue:

Manhattan Community Board 10 is writing this letter to strongly recommend that a split dog run; one for large dogs and the other for small dogs, be installed in Jackie Robinson Park at the location of the northeast corner of 155th Street and Bradhurst Avenue as advocated for by Jackie's Home Run", a Jackie Robinson Park Neighborhood Organization of Dog Owners. The proposed Dog Run would be designed to serve neighborhood and promote greater Community engagement.

Jackie's Home Run has observed a significant increase in the neighborhood dog population since the advent of the COVID-19 Pandemic that warrants a need to provide safe, healthy alternatives to exercise dogs, promote canine socialization and mitigate incidents of aggression.

The organization has secured community support and Jackie Robinson Conservancy District 9 City Councilwoman Kristen Richardson Jordan and a 400 signature petition, as substantiated by the attached documentation.

A Jackie Robinson Park Dog Run will advance park cleanliness, encourage greater sense of community and cohesion and park stewardship, in addition to responsible dog ownership. The closest dog run is not within reasonable walking distance and not readily accessible. Jackie Robinson Park currently does not offer off-leash hours or a dog run.

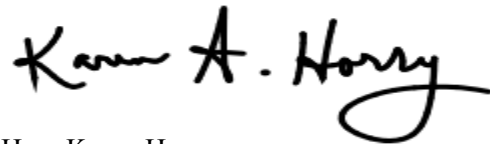
Jackie's Home Run met with the Manhattan CB 10 Parks and Recreation Committee on September 14th, 2022 and January 11th, 2023 of this fiscal year.

Again, it is the recommendation of Manhattan CB10 that a dog run be installed in Jackie Robinson Park. This vital added amenity will be of great social benefit to the local community both inside and outside of the Jackie Robinson Park system.

Sincerely,



Hon. Marquis Harrison
Chairman
Manhattan Community Board 10



Hon. Karen Horry
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cc: Anthony Perez, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
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