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Susan Donoghue
Commissioner
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
24 West 61st Street
New York, New York. 10023

Re: Letter of Support for The Bahamas 50th Year Independence Celebration Tour in Central Park

Dear Commissioner Donoghue,

Manhattan Community Board (CB) 10 is writing this letter in support of "The Bahamas 50th Year Independence Celebration Tour in Central Park". Bahamas Events International LTD (BEI LTD) is proposing a one-day, free outdoor event in Central Park, as a part of their international "**All ah We is One**" tour. The focusing theme will be the July 4th -10th, 2023 Independence festivities in the Bahamas including Canada & the US. The festivities are scheduled before the Bahamas Independence 50th anniversary which will take place on July 10th, 2023. The New York City event will highlight, promote, and educate thousands of New Yorkers and visitors about the Bahamas. The event is designed to be a heritage revue of the Bahamas experience without sand and sea celebrating the pre- and post-1973 Bahamas Independence. The event will be at no cost to participants. Event tickets will be free but will require pre-registration. There will be prizes and giveaways; a free Bahamas vacation for two is one of the prizes being offered.

BEI LTD has been in dialogue with Central Park Conservancy, NYC Parks, and elected officials. They originally proposed a two-day event for April 22nd and 23rd for 10,000 people, however, in view of the timeline as well as the date and location availability, BEI LTD will adopt a one-day event and reduce participation to 2500 from 5000 people. They would like to secure a Central Park permit to date and location for a time prior to July 10th.

BEI LTD is a special events and destination management provider with offices in the Bahamas and the United States. The organization's experiences in culture, music, entertainment, and heritage tourism span over 90 years and include 60 years in the hospitality industry. The organization specializes in special event productions, promotions, destination event management, video/film/tv & audio/ visual production, sales and research, and marketing.

BEI LTD has provided letters of support from New York City Council District 9 Councilwoman Kristin Richardson Jordan, the Embassy of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Washington, DC Ambassador Wendall K. Jones, and the SummerStage City Parks Foundation.

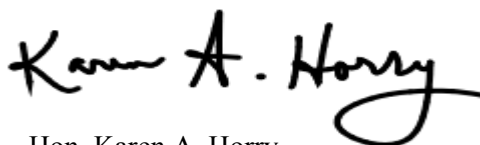
Manhattan Community Board 10 supports the “The Bahamas 50th Year Independence Celebration Tour in Central Park Project proposed by Bahamas Events International LTD and urges the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Central Park and Conservancy, and any other pertinent agencies to approve and facilitate this important and significant cultural event.

It is the recommendation of Manhattan CB10 that this vital project be accommodated in Central Park as it will enhance and add to the cultural awareness of one of our neighboring island nations from which many of our Central Harlem Community derive. The event is designed to be a way of saying thank you to NYC as a strong visitor partner in support of the Bahamian economy.

Sincerely,



Hon. Marquis Harrison
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Honorable Kristin Richardson Jordan, NYC Council (via e-mail)
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Congress Member (via e-mail)
Honorable Cordelle Cleare, NY State Senator (via e-mail)
Honorable Inez Dickens, NY State Assembly Member (via e-mail)
Honorable Al Taylor, Assembly District 71 (via e-mail)