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Hon. Marquis A. Harrison
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Resolution: To Support The 1% For Parks Campaign

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; and

WHEREAS On April 26, 2023, the Administration released the Executive Financial Plan for Fiscal 2023-2027 (Executive Plan) which includes a proposed Fiscal 2024 budget of \$106.7 billion. This report offers a review of the Department of Parks and Recreation's (the Department or DPR) Fiscal 2024 Executive Budget, including proposed budget actions taken in the Executive Plan; and

WHEREAS The Department's projected Fiscal 2024 budget of \$610.4 million represents 0.6 percent of the City's proposed Fiscal 2024 budget in the Executive Plan; and

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; and

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

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; and

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 the health and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS New Yorkers For Parks presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee on November 8th, 2023; and

WHEREAS In absence of quorum the sentiment of the Committee was to move the proposed Resolution to the November 29th Executive Committee meeting, where it was voted on to unanimously support the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , that during the December 5, 2023 General Board Meeting, the board voted unanimously, 36 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention and 0 Recusal to fully support 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.