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Sue Donoghue
Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Ave
New York, NY 10065

Re: **West Harlem Art Fund Harlem Sculpture Garden in Jackie Robinson Park**

Dear Commissioner Donoghue,

Manhattan Community Board 10 is writing this letter to recommend the **West Harlem Art Fund Sculpture Garden installation in Jackie Robinson Park**. The proposed art exhibition is scheduled for May 2nd, 2025 and will run through October 30th, 2025.

The West Harlem Art Fund (WHAF) is a twenty-seven year old, public art and new media organization. WHAF seeks opportunities for artists and creative professionals throughout NYC and beyond wishing to showcase and share their talent. The West Harlem Art Fund presents art and culture in open and public spaces to add aesthetic interest; promote historical and cultural heritage; and support community involvement in local development.

The following art pieces and corresponding artists are proposed for showcasing at Jackie Robinson Park:

- “Bound Medium” - Dianne Smith
- “Skate Boarding Cat” - Eunkyung Lee
- “Painted Welded Steel” - Carole Eisner Chiara
- “The Tower” - Margaret Roleke
- “Spout” - Luke Schumacher
- “Harlequin” - Michael Poast
- “Land Art” - Laurie Sheridan
- “Tree Sits On Bench At Park With Books” - An Pham

The selections will be anchored as needed and positioned at various locations between 145th and 150th Streets. (Please see attached presentation).

Ms. Savona Bailey McClain is the Executive Director & Chief Curator for The West Harlem Art Fund, Inc. a twenty-three year old public art organization and curatorial collective serving neighborhoods around the City. Her public art installations have been seen in the New York Times, Art Daily, Artnet, Los Angeles Times, Huffington Post among others. McClain has installed works in Times Square, DUMBO, Soho, Governors Island and Harlem. Noted works include The H in

Harlem, Counting Sheep, Story Piles, East River Flows and Loosely Coupled. Ms. McClain is a registered local historian with the Office of the Manhattan Borough President, a member of Art Table and radio podcast host for State of the Arts NYC heard on several audio platforms.

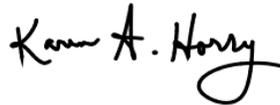
Ms. Savona Bailey McClain presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee on February 12th, 2025. The Jackie Robinson Park Conservancy is in support of the project. This project proposed for Jackie Robinson Park which is one of the four Harlem Historic Parks will be the second year of the largest park's art exhibition in Harlem history.

Manhattan CB10 finds the project, which will encapsulate historic and unique experiences through artistic expression, to be of merit and would provide an eclectic aspect to the Jackie Robinson Park visit. On March 5, 2025, Manhattan Community Board 10's General Board convened on March 5, 2025 and unanimously voted in-support of the project.

Sincerely,



Hon. Marquis Harrison
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Hon. Karen Horry
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