



Hon. Marquis A. Harrison
Chairperson
Minah Whyte
District Manager

CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor New York, NY 10027
T: 212-749-3105 F: 212-662-4215
Website: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb10/>

April 15, 2025

Deborah Marton
Commissioner
New York City Public Design Commission
253 Broadway, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Marton,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Chair of Community Board 10, I am writing to express our strong support for the construction of a new public restroom building at Renaissance Playground. This project is crucial for enhancing the overall experience of the park and ensuring that it meets the needs of our community.

Renaissance Playground serves as a vital recreational space for families, children, and community members in Central Harlem. However, the absence of adequate restroom facilities has been a significant limitation for park users. Many families have voiced concerns over the lack of accessible and clean restrooms, which often prevents them from fully enjoying the playground and its amenities.

By providing a new public restroom building, we can significantly improve the park's usability and comfort for all visitors. The addition of restroom facilities will encourage greater attendance and participation in community activities and events held at the playground. A well-maintained restroom will not only enhance the overall quality of the park but also promote health and hygiene for everyone who enjoys this essential green space.

I would like to emphasize that Community Board 10's Parks and Recreation Committee has thoroughly reviewed this proposal and unanimously supported it during our recent meetings. We recognize that investing in public restroom facilities is an investment in our community's well-being, making Renaissance Playground a more inviting and accessible place for all residents.

The construction of a new public restroom building at Renaissance Playground aligns with our commitment to improving local parks and ensuring they meet the needs of our diverse population. It will foster a sense of pride and ownership among residents and encourage families and individuals to make use of this valuable community resource. Manhattan Community Board 10's April Full Board met on April 2, 2025 and voted in favor to issue this letter of support as follows: 34 In-Favor 0 Opposed 0 Recusals 0 Abstentions.

Thank you for considering our support for this important initiative. We look forward to the positive impact that a new restroom facility will have on Renaissance Playground and the joy it will bring to our community.

Sincerely,



Marquis Harrison
Board Chairperson
Manhattan Community Board 10



Dr. Maurice Franklin
Parks and Recreation Committee Chair
Manhattan Community Board 10

Cc:

Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Yusef Salaam, City Council Member, District 9
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Cordell Cleare, Senator, 30th District
Hon. Jordan Wright, New York State Assembly Member, 70th Assembly District
Hon. Al Taylor, New York State Assembly Member, 71st Assembly District
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressional Representative, 13th District