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William T. Castro  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation  
24 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10023

**Re: DeWitt Clinton Park**

Dear Commissioner Castro,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is concerned about the levels of staffing in our larger parks, DeWitt Clinton Park in particular.

DeWitt Clinton Park is one of the most heavily used parks in our Community District. The ball fields are in use almost constantly. The playground and dog run are just as heavily used. Given this extensive use, DeWitt Clinton Park used to have a fixed-post staff presence. However, when the person who served in this role retired, the position was never re-filled.

We appreciate that, through the use of seasonal employees, DeWitt Clinton Park will have added staffing this summer. However, there is a need for a full-time person at the park, to assist with the various leagues that use the ball fields, for after-school support and to generally increase safety in the park. At the June 6th Full Board meeting, with a vote of 36 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, MCB4 asks that the Department of Parks and Recreation prioritize the deployment of a full-time, fixed-post staffer (preferably a Community District 4 resident) to DeWitt Clinton Park.

Sincerely,

Burt Lazarin  
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Manhattan Community  
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