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Hon. Corey Johnson
Speaker, New York City Council
224 W. 30th Street, Suite 1206
New York, NY 100XX

Hon. Helen Rosenthal
New York City Council Member
563 Columbus Avenue
New York, NY 10024

Re: Private Passage Restoration at Clinton Cove

Dear Speaker Johnson and Council Member Rosenthal,

The Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) Waterfront Parks and Environment Committee at its Zoom meeting on Thursday May 14th requested that this letter of thanks be sent to you. The letter was approved by the Full Board at its June 3, 2020 meeting by a vote of 49 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote. You've helped find the required funding for the long-needed restoration of The Bottle (Private Passage by Malcolm Cochran).

The Bottle is an unusual art placement, loved by many who know it and unknown by many. It was installed in a corner of Clinton Cove Park in 2005. Over time it has suffered extended exposure to its surroundings as well as Super Storm Sandy.



The restoration will include removal of rust, a cleaning of the interior, an application of a new exterior finish, and replacement of its windows. The process will require its removal from the park for about three months. The Bottle will be taken to a specialized facility for its restoration. At this writing, the time frame is unknown pending appropriate approvals and availability of City funds (especially in this moment of financial crisis).

That said, MCB4 is appreciative of your work to assure the restoration of the Bottle. We look forward to seeing the rejuvenated Bottle in place.

Sincerely,

Lowell D. Kern
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