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Anthony Perez  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation  
Arsenal West  
24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10023

**Re: Hell's Kitchen Park Renovation**

Dear Borough Commissioner Perez,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to thank the NYC Parks Department for their quick and thoughtful alterations to the renovation plans of Hell's Kitchen Park. At its March 1<sup>st</sup> Full Board meeting, MCB4, by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions and 0 present but not eligible, approved the following comments.

MCB4 is looking forward to the renovation of the basketball court portion of Hell's Kitchen Park. We are pleased the refresh will include:

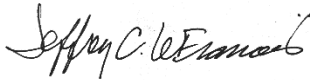
- Two newly painted basketball court lines and hoop equipment
- The addition of court benches
- The addition of a water bottle refill station
- The addition of a painted pickleball court

We urge Parks to couple with DSNY and add recycling, rat-proof trash bins and composting Smart Bins to Hell's Kitchen Park, a heavily used and centralized location in the neighborhood. We also request Parks work with the West 47th/48th Streets Block Association regarding placement of these bins.

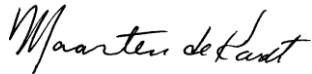
MCB4 is particularly appreciative Parks listened to resident concerns and removed the planned fence dividing the basketball and pickleball areas. This will allow for a larger space for kids to run and play and provide the opportunity for a wider array of play activities.

MCB4 would like to highlight this collaborative effort as a good example of NYC Parks and neighborhood stakeholders working together.

Sincerely,



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