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Council Member Gale Brewer
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Re: Clinton Cove Park

Dear Council Member Brewer:

Manhattan Community Board No 4 (CB4) wishes to thank you for your strong support over the years for Hudson River Park. This letter was endorsed by CB4 in support of the Hudson River Park Trust's request for funding for the planting beds around the entire Clinton Cove area.

As you know, Clinton Cove, in your district is one of the park's finest features – a rare expanse of open lawn space, trees, plantings and river access in a park-starved section of the borough. It is also one of the oldest parts of the park, designed within a community process and built in 2005.

The Hudson River Park Trust would like to see this area of the park enlivened by installing more attractive and suitable plantings that can better weather wind and salt conditions at this site, as well as a refurbished lawn. For that reason, they have submitted a request for \$100,000 in discretionary funding to replace and restore the planting beds around the entire Clinton Cove area.

Clinton Cove is approximately two acres, and this request would include new landscaping and plant materials around the perimeter of the lawn and along the paths for a total of 16,500 square feet of plant beds. Again, this section of the park is one of the oldest, and the plantings are showing their age – some are overgrown and now past their life expectancy and some did not survive the conditions at the site. For example, as the trees have matured and created more shade, a different kind of plant is required for the understory. The Trust is now seeking wind- and salt-tolerant ornamental bushes and flowers that will provide more color and liveliness to this area. They also need to replace parts of the irrigation system.

For your information, the Trust is also separately requesting \$150,000 from the office of the Manhattan Borough President for restoration of the lawn, but this is a discreet project that is not linked to this request. Should these two projects be funded, Clinton Cove would be in great shape

for the future, especially as Pier 97 becomes developed as a great public open space that will bring more residents out to the water.

Thank you for your attention to this request, and as always, for your support of our city's open spaces. Please contact Noreen Doyle at Hudson River Park Trust if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Corey Johnson
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[signed 6/10/2013]

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cc: Noreen Doyle & Madelyn Wils - HRPT, MBP Stringer, other area electeds