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N.Y. City Planning Commission
120 Broadway, 31st Floor
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**RE: C 050319 MMQ City Map Amendment to establish Socrates
Sculpture Park as an official Park**

Chairman Weisbrod:

Community Board 1 Queens (CB1Q), after a duly advertised public hearing held on January 12, 2016, voted 40 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining to **approve** an application to map Socrates Sculpture Park as parkland well as related actions. The Community Board vote reflects the recommendations of both the Land Use and Zoning Committee and the Parks Committee.

First established in the mid-1980s, Socrates has evolved from merely an exhibition space for large-scale sculptures into one of the City's most active and valuable resources for artistic, cultural, performance and educational programs for our residents and tourists. Community Board 1 Queens greatly appreciates the many years it took, and the efforts made by the Parks Department and the Socrates Sculpture Park organization, to permanently preserve this unique cultural resource.

Sincerely,

Joseph Risi
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cc: Hon. Melinda Katz, Borough President, Queens
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