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Mayor Eric Adams
Mayor – City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams:

On Thursday February 1, Queens Community Board 2 (unanimously) passed the attached resolution in support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding. This is a resolution for NYC to dedicate one percent of its annual budget towards parks and green spaces, ensuring adequate funding for staffing, maintenance, and other critical needs. Many large municipalities across the country spend more than 1% of their annual budget on their parks, and this resolution would allow NYC to adjust its current allocation and demonstrate its commitment to the numerous physical and mental benefits for our communities as well as critical environmental and health impacts offered by parks and green spaces.

Furthermore, Queens Community District 2 already suffers from substantially low access to parks and open space compared to the rest of the city. We currently rank 48th out of 59 community boards, according to spatialequity.nyc.

We believe that investing in parks and green spaces is essential to creating a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community that benefits all residents.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring that all members of our community have access to safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and green spaces.

Sincerely,

Debra Markell Kleinert
District Manager, Community Board 2

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Anatole Ashraf
Chairperson, Community Board 2

**CC: Meera Joshi, Deputy Mayor of New York City
Sue Donoghue, Commissioner, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
Speaker Adrienne Adams, New York City Council
City Council Member Shekar Krishnan, Chair- New York City Council Park and Recreation
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City Council Member Justin Brannan, Chair- New York City Council Finance Committee
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