



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

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On September 26, 2023, Brooklyn Community Board 9 unanimously passed the attached resolution in support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding.

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,

Fred P. Baptiste
Chairperson

Dante B. Arnwine
District Manager

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 Committee
- City Council Member Justin Brannan, Chair- New York City Council Finance Committee
- City Council Member Crystal Hudson
- City Council Member Rita Joseph
- City Council Member Darlene Mealy
- Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso



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Brooklyn Community Board 9 Resolution in Support of the 1% of NYC Parks Funding Campaign

The following resolution was passed at the Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board meeting on September 26, 2023, in Support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding.

WHEREAS, parks and green spaces provide numerous benefits to communities, including promoting physical and mental health, providing spaces for community gatherings and events, improving air quality, climate resiliency and cooling, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents; **WHEREAS**, many parks and green spaces have experienced neglect and underfunding, resulting in deteriorating conditions and limited programming options;

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign proposes to dedicate one percent of the City's annual budget towards parks and green spaces, ensuring adequate funding for staffing, maintenance, and other critical needs;

WHEREAS, many large U.S. cities allocate more than one percent of their city budgets to parks, which has resulted in significant improvements to parks and green spaces in those communities. San Francisco spends 1.6 percent of its municipal budget on parks, Los Angeles spends 2.9 percent, Chicago 4.3 percent and Minneapolis 5.3 percent.

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign has garnered widespread support from community organizations, advocacy groups, and residents who recognize the importance of parks and green spaces to the health and well-being of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brooklyn Community Board 9 fully supports the 1% for Parks campaign and urges our elected officials to allocate this increased funding in the New York City budget. We believe that investing in parks and green spaces is essential to creating a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community that benefits all residents.

We call on our elected officials to prioritize parks and green spaces in budget decisions and work towards ensuring that all members of our community have access to safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and green spaces.

Adopted: September 26, 2023