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Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP
Commissioner
Department of Parks & Recreation
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Re: NYC Parks Proposed Rule to Eliminate Membership Fees for Young Adults

Dear Commissioner Silver,

Community Board 11 supports the proposal by NYC Parks to revise § 2-13 and § 2-14 of Chapter 2, Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York. The revision would eliminate membership fees for young adults at NYC Parks recreation centers across the city. Currently, the cost of membership for young adults is \$25.

Eliminating membership fees for all patrons up to and including 24 years of age will provide greater access to recreational opportunities, social engagement, community interaction, and healthy exertion at NYC Parks facilities. CB11 has long advocated for increased programming for young adults in our Annual Statement of District Needs and Budget Requests. Providing free access to programming for young adults is a step in the right direction.

If you have any questions, please contact Carly Wine, our Assistant District Manager, at (212)831-8929 or cwine@cb11m.org.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama
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Community Board 11

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