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Re: Support for New York City Soccer Initiative Soccer Pitch at Peter Minuit Playground

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Community Board 11 supports the New York City Soccer Initiative (NYCSI) proposal to create a mini soccer pitch at Peter Minuit Playground, located on Park Avenue between East 108th and East 109th streets, as presented to our Environment, Open Space & Parks Committee on January 7th, 2021.

The New York City Soccer Initiative, a partnership of the US Soccer Foundation, New York City Football Club, Adidas, Etihad Airways and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, aims to build, maintain and provide programming for fifty mini soccer fields in underserved neighborhoods across the five boroughs of New York City. The initiative will implement a variety of soccer programs offered by its founding partners and collaborate with other local organizations that have existing soccer initiatives and activities with the aim of creating safe areas to promote physical health, youth development and community engagement. NYCSI also provides a free afterschool program at each location with a focus on serving youth from within the surrounding neighborhood.

The installation of the pitch is scheduled for late Spring 2021 and will include an all-weather, acrylic court surface and goals posts which will be anchored to the ground at each end of the pitch.

We are very pleased that the New York City Soccer Initiative will be constructing another pitch in East Harlem and look forward to a continued relationship. The Board is confident that these improvements will be a benefit to our community and will enrich the lives of those who will utilize the playground for years to come.

We ask that you periodically update the Community Board on the progress of this project.

If you have any further questions, please contact Carly Wine, our Assistant District Manager, at 212-831-8929.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nilsa Orama". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nilsa Orama
Chair
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cc: Hon. Brian Benjamin, New York State Senate (via email)
Hon. Robert Rodriguez, New York State Assembly (via email)
Hon. Diana Ayala, New York City Council (via email)
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