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William T. Castro
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
Arsenal West, 24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10023

Dear Commissioner Castro,

Manhattan Community Board 11 supports the continued access onto the waterfront from the Esplanade seawall at East 99th Street for East River CREW. This access ensures that CREW volunteers are able to continue to provide the public with rowing and estuary education activities and the opportunity to get out into the water through a safe and fun community activity.

The relocation involves moving the davit, ladder, and gate to the new temporary location. In addition, a sturdy and aesthetically pleasing temporary shed would be placed on the grassy area near the boat launch to house two 25-foot rowing boats. The work would be paid for and performed by East River CREW, with the understanding that the area is adequately safe to support the activity. Upon completion of the work on the East River Esplanade at East 96th Street, East River CREW will return to their original location at East 96th Street.

We support East River CREW's mission to impart a love for and an understanding of the East River through educational and recreational programming; by temporarily relocating to East 99th Street, East River CREW will be able to accomplish their mission and service communities adjacent to the river. We are grateful for the continued community service efforts of East River CREW and look forward to their growth and outreach into the East Harlem community through the relocation and beyond. We request that East River CREW update the Environment, Open Space & Parks Committee on the project's progress.

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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cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)
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