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Honorable City Council Members  
City Hall  
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**Re: Trust for Public Land (TLP) –National 10-minute walk to a park**

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

This letter comes to request that the City Council enact legislation allowing the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor with Trust for Public Land and Montefiore Einstein Mount Vernon the National 10-minute Walk to Park Day event. The Walk will take place on Thursday, October 10, 2024, this walk will take place on the sidewalk. This is an all-day community event with times to be determined.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to creating parks and protecting land for public use, ensuring everyone has access to nature and open spaces. TPL believes that parks are essential for healthy, thriving communities, and they work to make these spaces available within a 10-minute walk of every home. On October 10, 2024, TPL will celebrate National Walk to a Park Day, encouraging people to take a stroll to their nearest park and enjoy the many benefits of green spaces. This day highlights the importance of parks for physical health, mental well-being, and community connection, aiming to inspire greater appreciation and use of public parks across the country.

This event is brought to the attention of the city by way of our growing relationship with TPL. We will also be partnering with Montefiore Einstein- Mount Vernon and local schools in the district.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Walker-Pinckney  
Commissioner of Recreation

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