

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [A L Seale](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:10:52 AM

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Sincerely,
A L Seale

[REDACTED] Springfield Gardens, NY 11413-3106

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [aaron howard](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:17:57 PM

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Dr. aaron howard

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-5808

From: abbybrachio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Abby Brachio](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Abby Brachio

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-3535
Junior Board Member, Natural Areas Conservancy
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Abby Grosslein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-2623
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Abby Waldow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Abby Waldow

[REDACTED] New Paltz, NY 12561-1405
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Adam Saul](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Adam Saul

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2774

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Adam Zaid](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:57:28 PM

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Sincerely, Adam Zaid
Queens School of Inquiry 25Q252

Sincerely,
Adam Zaid
[REDACTED] Williston Park, NY 11596-1645

Teacher, NYC Dept of Ed



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Adeena Horowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Adeena Horowitz
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-1742

From: aj.jackowska@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Agnieszka Jackowska](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:04:44 PM

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Agnieszka Jackowska
[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11102-4054

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Aixsha Hiciano](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:55:46 AM

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Aixsha Hiciano
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-4943
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From: aiyannamilligan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Aiyanna Milligan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:32:31 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-7775

From: [REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [AJ cho](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 7:26:09 PM

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[REDACTED], CA 94579-1963

From: alanbaratz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Alan Baratz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 10:19:01 PM

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Alan Baratz

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1262

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alan Ginsberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:31:25 PM

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Alan Ginsberg
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10001-4826
Mr., New Yorkers For Parks
[REDACTED]

From: aemukamal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Alan Mukamal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:12:39 PM

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Sincerely,
Alan Mukamal
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-1026

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alana Menendez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:17:00 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-4353

Postdoctoral Research Associate

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Albert Elias](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:15:15 PM

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We the trees, shrubs and flowers appreciate the love the maintenance workers give us.

Sincerely,
Albert Elias
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-9204

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alejandro Ranamaré](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:01:36 PM

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Mr. Alejandro Ranamaré
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10457-1551

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alexander Goasdoue](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:47:10 AM

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Alexander Goasdoue
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-2521
NYCDOE
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alexandra Weiss](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:51:30 PM

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The park is incredibly well-used, but it needs more support. Basic maintenance, landscaping, cleanliness, and daily upkeep have not kept pace with the demands placed on one of Lower Manhattan's most active public spaces.

Our community is grateful for NYC Parks and proud to contribute volunteer time and private fundraising, but public parks require public investment. I urge city leaders to prioritize park staffing and maintenance so that Washington Market Park and parks across the city can continue serving the communities that depend on them.

For many children growing up downtown, this park is their backyard. It deserves the care and resources to reflect that

Sincerely,

Alexandra Weiss

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10013-2983

Friends of Washington Market Park

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From: alexissmallwood83@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Alexis Foote](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:23:47 AM

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Mrs. Alexis Foote

[REDACTED] Jamaica, NY 11430-1505

Founder, ReAL Edgemere CLT

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alexis Uruga Campos](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:13:24 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ali Francis](#)
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Ali Francis

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-1906

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alice Cook](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:36:25 AM

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Alice Cook

[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-4553

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alice Jena](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:16:22 PM

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[REDACTED] Richmond Hill, NY 11418-1246

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alice Shields](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:23:23 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10036-3769

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alison Brickley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:46:14 PM

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[REDACTED] Corpus Christi, TX 78404-2349

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alison Siegel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 9:09:13 PM

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Alison Siegel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-5548

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Allie Smith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:50:03 AM

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Sincerely,
Allie Smith

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-1324

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Allison Ritscher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 6:58:16 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1264

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alyson Evans](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:21:12 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Alyson Evans
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-3703
Stuyvesant Park Neighborhood Association
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alyson Shotz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:35:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Alyson Shotz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-1010
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alyssa Castleman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 3:46:44 PM

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Alyssa Castleman

[REDACTED] Atlantic Beach, FL 32233-1998

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Amanda First](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:29:40 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Amanda First

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1554

From: akopchains@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Amy Kopchains](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 12:00:02 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Amy Kopchains

[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11355-2931
Teacher, P.S. 171 M
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Amy Rice](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:47:10 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Amy Rice
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10301-1345
President, Board of Directors, Greenbelt Conservancy
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Amy Robinson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:28:32 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Amy Robinson

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10017-1825

From: [A.P.](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Written Testimony for Girls Inc. - Wednesday June 10 9:30 am. Committee on Finance
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 5:48:35 PM

Dear City Council,

Girls Inc. is an excellent afterschool program at TYWLS Astoria. It is the first afterschool program that my daughter actually enjoys going to. They have a wonderful, caring leadership staff and a variety of activities for the girls fostering creativity, community, leadership and empowerment. Please keep Girls Inc. at our school.

Sincerely,
Ana Pesa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Soukeyna Abbott <sabbott@girlsincnyc.org>
Date: Wed, Jun 10, 2026 at 6:21 PM
Subject: Written Testimony for Girls Inc.
To:

Greetings Girls Inc. Families,

We are still awaiting DYCD's decision regarding the status of our program for next year but we are still continuing to take action to ensure Girls Inc. remains at TYWLS.

This morning, two of our amazing and brave eight grade students, Gayathri (TYWLS Counselor) and I testified in front of the City Council Finance committee to share how invaluable Girls Inc. is to the TYWLS community!

We are reaching out to families to kindly ask for your support in adding your voice to the budget decision by submitting a written testimony. Here are the steps:

- Go to <https://council.nyc.gov/testify/>
-

For the “How will you be testifying? ” field, please select *Submitting Written Testimony*

- Then select the hearing: **Wednesday June 10 9:30 am. Committee on Finance**
- Then you can upload your text or file at the bottom of the form.

Written testimony may be submitted without registration by emailing it to testimony@council.nyc.gov up to seventy-two (72) hours after the public hearing concludes.

As we testified today, the deadline for submitting written testimony would be **Friday, June 12th 2026**.

We are deeply appreciative of all the support we have received from the entire TYWLS community so far and we are working tirelessly to remain your CBO for the upcoming school year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if any support is needed with submitting written testimonies.

With kind regards,
Soukeyna Abbott
Program Director, TYWLS Astoria
**23-15 Newtown Ave,
Astoria, NY 11102**



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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anastasia Nekoz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:43:02 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2520

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anastasia Prere](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11358-3503
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anastasiia Rechkunova](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:44:00 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-3517

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrea Arnold](#)
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My local green retreat is Van Cortlandt Park. We just enjoyed a special performance of the NY Philharmonic and a beautiful firework display. These community gatherings improve the spirit of everyday people. Yet, the daily walks, or a sit on a bench to watch a cricket gam, or just see the world go by are imperative to sanity! We urge the Mayor and City Council to restore staffing, strengthen park maintenance, and continue making measurable progress toward the long-overdue goal of dedicating 1% of the city budget to NYC Parks. THANK YOU

Sincerely,
Andrea Arnold

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-2028

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrea Evans](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:56:27 PM

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Ms Andrea Evans

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10013-1313

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrea Zinn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:44:17 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-1131
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From: andrevan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Andrew Fader](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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From: agenn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Andrew Genn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 9:56:46 AM

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that only NYC Parks can provide on a daily basis due to the scale of the malls -- 83 planted medians spread over 5.5 miles. Our nonprofit with four employees can only do so much, so having a strong Parks Department will always be key.

While we appreciate the fiscal situation of the City cannot provide everything, everywhere, we do firmly agree that having clean, vibrant, engaging open spaces is the very essence of an affordable city that every New Yorker can enjoy. Thank you for listening and we know progress is being made.

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Andrew Genn
Executive Director
Broadway Mall Association

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrew Gerber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:51:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Andrew Gerber
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-4477

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrew Graf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:48:38 PM

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[REDACTED] North Bellmore, NY 11710-2803

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrew Ho](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:30:42 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7114

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrew Newman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:43:04 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3607
Board Member, New York State Urban Forestry Council
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrew Pitkin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:52:09 PM

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I volunteer for Prospect Park Alliance! There are so many nyc residents who love to give back. Many who volunteer to clean our well-needed parks and local eco-systems. Yet none of us could do it without the help & organization of our park directors, staff & team leaders.

They are some of the kindest & nourishing role-models in our neighborhood communities. Without recognizing them financially, it all falls apart. Please helps NYC residents protect our infrastructure by choosing our park staff & leaders who orchestrate & delegate cleaner and greener spaces.

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are necessary for all us residents, all children & all pets. Parks are our outdoor respites that help us renew our spirits; replenish our souls & reset our minds!

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Andrew Pitkin

 Brooklyn, NY 11215-3902

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [angel Rodrigo-Avillaneda](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 8:03:07 PM

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I am writing as a long-time resident of East New York, Brooklyn, where I have lived for more than 50 years. Over these decades, I have seen our community go through many changes, and I can confidently say that our parks have never looked better than they do today.

Highland Park, in particular, is a clear example of the positive impact that dedicated city park workers have on our neighborhoods. The park is cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for families, children, and community members of all ages. This level of care and upkeep does not happen by chance—it is the direct result of the hard work and commitment of park staff.

Cutting these positions would not only undo the progress we have made, but it would also negatively impact the quality of life for residents like myself who rely on these spaces. Our parks are essential for recreation, health, and

community connection, especially in neighborhoods like East New York.

I strongly urge you to fully fund our parks and retain these vital workers. They are an investment in our communities, and their work is clearly visible in places like Highland Park, which has truly never looked better. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

angel Rodrigo-Avillaneda

Brooklyn, NY 11207-2704

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Angela Guevara](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:46:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Angela Guevara
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10036-4343
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Angela Wuepper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:42:40 AM

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Families rely on having clean and safe outdoor environments for their communities.

Sincerely,
Angela Wuepper
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-4023

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Angie McCormack](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:32:35 AM

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[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11103-1513
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anirudha Vaddadi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:51:19 PM

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Sincerely,
Anirudha Vaddadi

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10010-4786

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ann Terry](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:22:09 PM

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When my family looked for a home in Queens one of the priorities was to be within walking distance of a park/playground. For 30 years we have lived 4 blocks from Breininger Park in Bellerose. The park has become more heavily used during that time period. All ages use the park and it provides a green oasis in an area that is becoming more dense. As advocates push for housing density the health of parks and playgrounds becomes exponentially more important.

Sincerely,
Ann Terry

[REDACTED] Bellerose, NY 11426-1133

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anna Bakis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:41:22 AM

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Sincerely,
Anna Bakis
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4507
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anna Dioguardi Moyano](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:25:05 PM

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Sincerely,
Anna Dioguardi Moyano
[REDACTED] Jackson Heights, NY 11372-1740
Director of Community Engagement, Queens Community House
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anna Grafton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:03:28 AM

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Sincerely,
Anna Grafton
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11209-6807

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anna Scarbrough](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:14:50 PM

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Anna Scarbrough

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-5811

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [anna taktachev](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:46:08 PM

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Sincerely,
anna taktachev

[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-1357
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anna Tavis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 4:31:57 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Anna Tavis
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1770

From: annelee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Anne Lee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:12:08 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-1256

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Annette Perry](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:24:21 PM

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The value of the impact is an investment in our futures through the youth and the older adult community that will thrive from these actions improving physical and mental health across generations.

Sincerely,
Annette Perry
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11207-5207
AG Creative, Success Garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Annie Lee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:41:16 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1607
Communications & Engagement Manager, Fort Greene Park Conservancy
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Antonio Lopez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:13:09 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-7308
Director of Development, Outstanding Renewal Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Lower E
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [april wiggins](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 3:56:01 PM

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Ms. april wiggins

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10456-4507

Gardener, NYC PARKS

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Arabelle Taggart](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 5:45:33 AM

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Sincerely,
Miss Arabelle Taggart
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-2255

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Aracelli Bonaudi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 2:12:34 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-3056
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ariyan Hashemi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:52:49 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-4299

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Arlene Zuckerman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:15:13 PM

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Arlene Zuckerman
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-5471

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ashley Carvalho](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:12:59 AM

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Ashley Carvalho
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-8915

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ashley Ragus](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 10:09:18 PM

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Ms. Ashley Ragus
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2416

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Audrey Epstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:45:53 AM

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Parks are very important part of New York City life.

They're important for habitat for wildlife and Eco balance that helps Citi as a whole.

Audrey

Sincerely,
Ms Audrey Epstein

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-2879

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Autumn Von Plinsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:01:07 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-4791

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ava Schwartz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 8:44:20 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-7364

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Aviva Rutkin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 8:22:19 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-6015

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ayisha Amjad](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:50:21 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1856

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Barath Koottala](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:18:16 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7634

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Barbara Blair](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:37:01 AM

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Barbara

Sincerely,
Barbara Blair
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-6054

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Barbara Etzel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:55:53 AM

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Sincerely,
Barbara Etzel
[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-5872
Board Member, Hunters Point Parks Conservancy
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Barbara Graham](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:41:30 PM

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Ms Barbara Graham
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-6749

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Bella Muccari](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:27:51 PM

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June 12, 2026

Dear Council Members,

I am writing as a New Yorker who lives across from Prospect Park — one of this city's most beloved green spaces — to urge the City Council to take bold action on parks funding in the FY27 budget. Prospect Park has been a constant source of comfort and joy in my life. Whether in the early morning or at dusk, it is a place where neighbors gather, where children play, and where the pace of city life gives way to something quieter and more restorative. I cannot imagine my neighborhood without it.

My relationship with parks goes beyond simply enjoying them. I work alongside the NYC Parks Department to help maintain the tree beds along our streets — small but meaningful contributions that help keep our neighborhood healthy and vibrant. This work has given me a firsthand appreciation for the dedicated staff who make it all possible. When they are resourced and supported, our parks and streetscapes thrive. When they are not, the difference is

visible.

I urge you to invest in our parks and the people who care for them. They are not a luxury — they are the backbone of healthy, connected communities. Please make this the year that investment matches the value New Yorkers place on their parks every single day.

Sincerely,

Bella Muccari

231 Ocean Ave, along Prospect Park

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Bella Muccari

 Brooklyn, NY 11225-5557

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ben Valido](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:25:46 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7787

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Beth Birnbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mrs. Beth Birnbaum
[REDACTED] Kew Gardens Hills, NY 11367-1218

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Beth Darlington](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:32:42 PM

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[REDACTED] Poughkeepsie, NY 12604-0001

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Betty Arce](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Betty Arce

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10467-4502

From: office@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [BETTY Rules](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-2965

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Beverley Lyn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Beverley Lyn
[REDACTED] Queens Village, NY 11429-1039

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [blaise barron](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 10:05:15 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms. blaise barron
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-6305
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Bob Bender](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 1:10:34 PM

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Parks budgets have been cut again and again. Mayors campaign for 1 percent for parks, then fail to keep their campaign promises once they are in office. Meanwhile, our parks increasingly depend on volunteer labor for maintenance.

I speak with some knowledge of this subject, having chaired the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 for 13 years. Although no longer chair, I continue to serve on this committee. But to be clear: I am speaking only for myself (and many other New Yorkers, I'm certain), not for my community board.

Please give our parks the funding that they need and deserve.

Sincerely,
Bob Bender

 Bronx, NY 10471-1904

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [BRENDA DEBONIS-LUKES](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:16:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. BRENDA DEBONIS-LUKES
[REDACTED] Maspeth, NY 11378-2807
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brenda Irizarry](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:29:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Brenda Irizarry
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10467-3936
Community Member, Our Bronx
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brian Bronzino](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-1814

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brian Graf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-5670

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brian Mancuso](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Mancuso

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10036-2100

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brian Schneider](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:03:18 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Schneider
[REDACTED] Douglaston, NY 11362-1958

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brianna Klemm](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:54:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Brianna Klemm
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6162

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [BRIANNA WILSON](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:26:42 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. BRIANNA WILSON
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3710

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brittany Martin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:31:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Brittany Martin

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10030-1219

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Bruno Navarro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:18:41 AM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Bruno Navarro
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11237-6002

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Bryan Christian](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:05:35 AM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Bryan Christian
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10466-4612
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Bryce Stack](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:56:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Bryce Stack
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-1621
Vice President, New York Clean Air Collective
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Bryn Knowles](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:59:29 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Bryn Knowles
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1341

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brynne ORourke](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:47:20 AM

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Sincerely,
Brynne ORourke

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-4391

From: burnleydukedame@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Butnley Duke Dame](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 11:12:40 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms Butnley Duke Dame
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4301
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of C.C. Hirsch
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026 11:10:38 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
C.C. Hirsch

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5809
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Caitlin Young](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:07:40 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Caitlin Young
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10470-1809

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cara Hirsch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 9:39:22 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Cara Hirsch
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-6657

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cara Sclafani](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:59:54 AM

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Sincerely,

Cara Sclafani

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-3324

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Carina Lui](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Carina Lui

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-1347
Member, M'finda Kalunga garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Carmen Rivera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11220-1303
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From: carrod@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carmen Rodriguez](#)
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467 State St Brooklyn, NY 11217-1802
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1802

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Carol Painter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Dr. Carol Painter
141 Westhaven Rd Ithaca, NY 14850-3025
cpainter49528@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Carole Crewdson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Carole Crewdson
[REDACTED] St Brooklyn, NY 11215-2601
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Caroline Chan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Caroline Chan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3343

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Caroline Cregan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms. Caroline Cregan
[REDACTED] Rye Brook, NY 10573-1202
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Caroline Hiteshew](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1430

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Casey Feehan](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3113

From: cates.holderness@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cates Holderness](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Cates Holderness

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1349

From: [REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Fredman
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Catherine Fredman

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-4375

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Catherine Graf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] North Bellmore, NY 11710-2803

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Catherine Wright](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Ms. Catherine Wright
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-3052

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cathy Rowan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:19:27 PM

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Ms. Cathy Rowan

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10462-2725

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cathy Weiner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10019-5303

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cecilia Cortez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6517

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [cesar castro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
cesar castro

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10032-5421
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Charissa Salud](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:22:50 AM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10461-1508

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Charles Blank](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:57:55 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4940

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Charles. Sheer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:14:18 PM

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I just returned from a free NY Philharmonic concert in Van Cortlandt Park.

I walk the park three times a week.

I contribute monthly to the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance because I know the value of VCP.

I am 83 and it is a vital part of my retirement life.

The City should rehire Park staff and devote at least 1% of its budget to the Park system.

Sincerely,

Charles. Sheer

Bronx, NY 10463-3506

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chelsey Camargo](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3902

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chloe Conceicao](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 10:24:55 PM

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Chloe Conceicao
[REDACTED] East Elmhurst, NY 11370-1012

From: chloe.danahy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Chloe Danahy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:16:52 AM

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Chloe Danahy
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-3743

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chloe Norgaard](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Please keep our parks, and their staff strong and provide a meaningful % of budget to them.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Chloe Norgaard

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11207-1604

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chloe Schuber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:19:31 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-3548
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chris Colbeck](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:13:57 PM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-1728

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chris Henry](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Chris Henry
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-1303
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chris La Barbera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:42:46 PM

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Chris La Barbera
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4567

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Chris Whitney](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 7:03:35 AM

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Sincerely,

Chris Whitney

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1987

Director, Friends of Inwood Hill Park

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Christina Taylor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:18:18 PM

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Ms. Christina Taylor

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-3039

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Christine Bratton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:23:57 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Christine Bratton
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-2381
[REDACTED]

From: cmahle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Christine Mahle](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 4:56:32 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-6430

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Christine Smith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:58:24 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-6242

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Christopher Conforti](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:21:50 PM

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Christopher Conforti
[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11103-1211

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Christopher Graf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 4:31:10 PM

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[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-5147

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cindi Dean](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 6:46:53 PM

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Miss Cindi Dean
[REDACTED] Southbury, CT 06488-1505

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Clair Weatherby](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:41:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Clair Weatherby
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11233-1201
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Claire Mood](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:15:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Claire Mood
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-3163
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Claire Wellin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:19:06 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-6745

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Clara Lipson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 9:01:51 AM

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Sincerely,
Clara Lipson

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-4182
Green Park Gardners
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Clare Miflin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:26:40 AM

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I'd also like to see Parks implement composting in large parks citywide, in collaboration with community composters, and use the compost to make soils and trees healthier and better able to absorb stormwater.

Sincerely,
Clare Miflin

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-3587

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Claudia Keep](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:37:28 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-8147

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Colleen Leung](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 4:29:21 PM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10470-1810

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Consuela Hooblal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:24:41 PM

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I live in Eastern Queens and the well-maintained parks in our area are one of the most important and appreciated aspects of our communities. Every community in NYC needs the same benefit.

I'm also a huge believer in hiring more city WORKERS (not administrators). There's a lot of physical jobs to be done in this city and our budget should cover enough workers to do these jobs. This creates more financially independent taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Ms. Consuela Hooblal

Queens Village, NY 11427-1828

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Corrine Paulson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:07:32 PM

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Fully fund GreenThumb and baseline their 15 seasonal employees! The community garden arm of the department is vital to our neighborhoods and the staff is needed to help continue this effort.

We appreciate your commitment to dedicate 1% of the city budget for NYC Parks maintenance and operations and applaud the recently announced investment in modular bathrooms in parks, one of the goals in our Parks 2030 platform and First 100 Days for Parks agenda.

As we approach the start of the FY27 budget cycle, your administration has the opportunity to rebuild an agency crippled by decades of disinvestment and, more recently, four years of disproportionate PEG cuts and a hiring freeze. It is time for New York City to lead the nation and the world in its vision for parks and open spaces.

A recent New York Times poll asked readers to vote on 17 ways your administration can improve New York City. Fully funding our city's parks won handily, with 35,551 New Yorkers identifying this investment as a key priority. Why? New Yorkers love and rely on these spaces, yet have seen the steady depletion of NYC Parks and its workforce. They experience inequitable conditions based on zip code. And they see how forward-thinking cities across the country have invested in their parks systems to improve quality of life, address climate change, strengthen public health and more.

Investing with vision in NYC Parks means investing in thousands of union workers who steward 30,000 acres of public parkland, or 14% of New York City. It means investing in working families in every borough who depend on our parks. Parks are the original universal free childcare,

Sincerely,

Corrine Paulson

 Brooklyn, NY 11216-1612

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [cristelia obregon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:14:09 AM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10455-4649

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cristina Kovacs](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 2:49:44 PM

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Sincerely,
Cristina Kovacs
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1020

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cynthia Iavarone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:38:47 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Cynthia Iavarone
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-3302
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cynthia Liss](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:22:17 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Cynthia Liss
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11228-2643

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dale Henderson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:13:06 AM

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Sincerely,
Dale Henderson
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10065-6236
New York Policy Manager, Appalachian Mountain Club
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dale Katzen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:46:31 PM

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Sincerely,

Dale Katzen

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-7853

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dana Boyd](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Dana Boyd

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6456

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dana Perry](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:25:24 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-6074

From: dysett00@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dana Settles](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 9:47:06 AM

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Sincerely,
Dana Settles

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-2715
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniel Clay](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mr. Daniel Clay
[REDACTED] Little Neck, NY 11363-1645
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniel Gaetani](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-5748

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniel Rothblatt](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-7456

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniel Sorkin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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I'm a lifelong New Yorker who loves NYC's parks!

Sincerely,
Mr. Daniel Sorkin
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-2048

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniel Starr](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:43:09 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1314

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniel Tainow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:56:25 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-2270

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniel Taylor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 6:08:38 PM

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[REDACTED] Long Is City, NY 11101-6615
Member, Queensbridge Old Timers Committee, Inc
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Daniella Lopez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:19:29 PM

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Daniella Lopez
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7665

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Danielle Cerone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Danielle Cerone
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5010

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Danielle Karunadasa](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10301-2806
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Gassaway](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Gotwald](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1553

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Johnson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Elmhurst, NY 11373-3512

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Rosenfeld](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mr. David Rosenfeld

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-7061

From: dsalvatore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David Salvatore](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:39:34 PM

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David Salvatore

[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10310-1662

Salvatore

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From: Shaeffer.david@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David Shaeffer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:32:12 PM

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David Shaeffer

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1338

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Smith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:50:37 PM

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David Smith

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10014-4917

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dawn DiGennaro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:43:13 PM

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Dawn DiGennaro

Sincerely,
Mrs Dawn DiGennaro
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10312-3115

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dean Bell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:43:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Dean Bell

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5006
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dean Fusto](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:07:00 PM

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Sincerely,
Dean Fusto

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10069-0501
Member, New Yorkers for Parks
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Deb Dolan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:59:30 AM

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Ms. Deb Dolan

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-1913

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [debbie sheintoch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:08:35 AM

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Sincerely,
debbie sheintoch
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2457
Community gardener
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Deborah Carroll](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:34:56 PM

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Sincerely,
Deborah Carroll
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10032-7643

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Deborah Heineman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Ms. Deborah Heineman
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-1567

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Deborah Herdan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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We need to protect human health and the environment from climate change. Our Parks and trees are our best chance to fight climate change!
Support and Fund NYC Parks!

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Ms. Deborah Herdan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1755

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Deborah Jefferys](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:34:07 PM

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Ms. Deborah Jefferys
[REDACTED] Saint Albans, NY 11412-2232
Administrator, Hollis Playground
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Deidra Belcher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Park staff keeps our local neighborhood parks clean. Trash bins need to be dumped; leaves need to be raked which would ensure environmental health. The city has made investments with restoring many parks.....we need to make sure that they are maintained.

All the best,

Deidra Belcher

Sincerely,
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 New York, NY 10010-2504

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dennis Knaack](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:16:31 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Dennis Knaack

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10457-3761
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Derek Comeau](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:19:55 AM

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Sincerely,
Derek Comeau
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7665

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [DeVaughn Rochester](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:52:04 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
DeVaughn Rochester
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10457-6272

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Diane Drew](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 4:40:07 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Diane Drew

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-2667
volunteer, NYC Parks
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Diane Katz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:22:14 PM

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Sincerely,
Diane Katz
[REDACTED] Larchmont, NY 10538-1537
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Diane Loud](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:33:15 PM

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Sincerely,
Diane Loud
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-5769

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Diane Schaub](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:32:36 AM

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Diane Schaub

Sincerely,

Diane Schaub

Brooklyn, NY 11231-4057

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dianora Niccolini](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:24:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Dianora Niccolini

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10075-1071

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Divya Anantharaman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:19:29 PM

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Sincerely,
Divya Anantharaman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6109
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Donald Haight](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 7:25:26 PM

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Mr. Donald Haight
[REDACTED] Kearny, NJ 07032-3553

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Donna Aloise](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:30:15 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Donna Aloise
[REDACTED] Massapequa, NY 11758-8325

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Donna Knipp](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:12:22 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Donna Knipp
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1265

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Donna Tirella](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 7:14:12 AM

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I volunteer to help maintain the gardens along the East River Esplanade and have seen up close and personal the need for funds. While cleaning up, syringes, rat holes and poison ivy have been encountered. Additionally, the need for sufficient water is required. Also, the use of the green space as a toilet for dogs which kill (urine) many of the plants.

Sincerely,

Donna Tirella

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Miss Donna Tirella

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-2119

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dorina Cragnotti](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:46:01 PM

[REDACTED]

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Please help to keep our parks safe and accessible to all! New Yorkers need parks! New Yorkers love their parks! Please restore the budget cuts and please hire good city workers to keep them clean and safe.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Ms Dorina Cragnotti

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10014-2052

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dorina Cragnotti](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:02:27 PM

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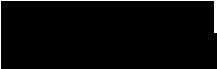
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 New York, NY 10014-2052

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Drew Warren](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:39:33 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-3902
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [E Mucci](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:52:12 PM

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Mr. E Mucci

[REDACTED] Broad Channel, NY 11693-1204

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eddi Green](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 6:18:20 PM

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Eddi Green

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3839
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Edward Temple](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:48:09 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Edward Temple

Sincerely,
Mr. Edward Temple
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3459

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eileen Ficara](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:31:41 PM

[REDACTED]

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Parks are essential for the lifeblood of the city.

Sincerely,
Eileen Ficara

[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10314-3133

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eileen Hayden](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:18:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Eileen Hayden

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-2212

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eileen Leonard](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:23:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Eileen Leonard
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-4445

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [EINAT LEV](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:34:58 PM

[REDACTED]

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EINAT LEV

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-3672

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elaine Lamm](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:38:36 AM

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Sincerely,
Elaine Lamm

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-3200

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elaine Livingston](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:06:06 AM

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Ms. Elaine Livingston
[REDACTED] Vestal, NY 13850-3321

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elaine Shen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:59:32 AM

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[REDACTED] St New York, NY 10025-7899
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eleanor Berman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10075-0709

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elihu Dietz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Elihu Dietz

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-1326

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elihu Kover](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1260

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elisa Caref](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-1306

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elisa DeVito](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Elisa DeVito
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-4118
Parks Committee Chair, Turtle Bay Association
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elise Graf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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[REDACTED] North Bellmore, NY 11710-2803

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elise M](#)
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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-2708
312 West 114th Tenant Association, Founding member
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elizabeth Barton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Elizabeth Barton
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-2525
Co-President of earth care, First presbyterian church
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elizabeth David](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Elizabeth David
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10451-6526
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elizabeth Frickey](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:23:39 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-2165

From: 29elopriore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Elizabeth LoPriore](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 11:25:17 AM

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[REDACTED] Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-3113
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elizabeth O'Connor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:51:26 PM

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[REDACTED] Woodside, NY 11377-1621
Cofounder, Moore Jackson Community Garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elizabeth Oporum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:54:21 AM

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[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4542
Board Secretary, The Garden by the Bay
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elizabeth Potenza](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:22:03 PM

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[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10307-1249
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elizabeth White](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 12:21:15 PM

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 New York, NY 10010-6307

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elke Fears](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Elke Fears

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10036-2458
Hell's Kitchen Park Volunteer gardeners
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ella Lasky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:57:35 PM

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Dr Ella Lasky

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-3429

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ellen Blau](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 4:48:21 PM

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The lack of staff maintenance in the last five years and the loss of a Parks gardener last year who retired and was not replaced have created less than satisfactory conditions. Trash isn't taken out regularly. Daily tasks aren't completed such as playground upkeep and play surface inspections. Some of the plants are drooping from lack of water.

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Thank you for your consideration and for caring about parks in New York City. They're truly our collective backyard!

Sincerely,
Ellen Blau

 New York, NY 10013-2992

From: ellengleishman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ellen Fleishman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:32:31 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Ellen Fleishman

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3597

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ellen Renstrom](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:48:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Ellen Renstrom
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-4380
Grand Street Dems
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ellen Ross](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:16:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Ellen Ross
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-9105

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ellen Winter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 5:21:57 PM

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Sincerely,
Ellen Winter
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-4629
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [elliott maltby](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:54:19 PM

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Sincerely,
ms elliott maltby
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11237-2475
academic director, Pratt Institute / Master of Landscape Architecture
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emilie Ernst](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 10:13:59 AM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10461-2111

From: emilykhywah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Emily Alfaro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:12:54 PM

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Sincerely,
Emily Alfaro

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10472-2441
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Burkholder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 10:32:00 AM

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Sincerely,
Emily Burkholder
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3426

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Edmonds-Langham](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:42:44 AM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10451-5121

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Eggers](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-7859

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Flores](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:24:52 AM

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Ms. Emily Flores
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10467-3400
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Hampton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:27:19 AM

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Sincerely,
Emily Hampton
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-4013

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Miller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 7:44:06 PM

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Emily Miller
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-2594
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Puhnaty](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:43:00 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3567
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Schnee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:42:10 PM

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Emily Schnee
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2404

From: [REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Emily T. Testimony](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026 3:57:52 PM

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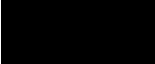
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 Forest Hills, NY 11375-4142

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emily Wright](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:03:40 AM

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Mrs Emily Wright
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-2196

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emma Dzula](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:47:28 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11232-3165

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [emma guinn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:51:14 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-7855

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emma Morris](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-6283
Co-President, 100 W. 16th Block Association
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emma Schmitt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6049

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emma Schwarz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10128-5547

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Emma Sobota](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Enayat Rafiqzad](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11232-3174
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Enma Span](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Enma Span
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1604

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eric Eisenberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:36:16 PM

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Eric Eisenberg
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10036-9016
Acting Legislative Head, New York Clean Air Collective
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Eric Handy
[REDACTED] Jamaica, NY 11436-2336
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [eric henry](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10456-6632

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eric McClure](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2901

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eric Newman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10475-1802

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eric Stoneberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10032-5159

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Erica Martini](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:19:32 AM

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There also should be a review of supervisor training and stewardship procedures to make the most of the staff that Parks employs. Staff need training and oversight to be most effective.

Thank you for your consideration and for caring about Parks in New York City. They're truly our collective backyard!

Sincerely,

Erica Martini

██████████ New York, NY 10013-2063

The Friends of Washington Market Park

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Erin Flanagan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:41:10 AM

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Sincerely,
Erin Flanagan
[REDACTED] Cleveland Heights, OH 44118-3557
Erin R. Flanagan
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Erin McFadzen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Erin McFadzen
[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-3947

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Esta-Joy Sydel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:18:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Esta-Joy Sydel
[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415-1428

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Esther DeVito](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1658

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Esther Hinsley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:21:19 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-8080

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ethan Waxman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026 9:30:10 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1406

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Evan Spingarn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Evan Spingarn

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1804

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eve Brooks](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:58:50 AM

[REDACTED]

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Ms. Eve Brooks

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11239-1807

Gardener, Parks and Recreation

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Evelyn Droz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:07:24 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4267

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Fabiana Esteves](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:07:40 PM

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Ms. Fabiana Esteves
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4988

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Faizan Rashid](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:18:08 PM

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Mr. Faizan Rashid

[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-5437

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [FaTemah Eggleston](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 6:18:16 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10030-2826

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Fay D Hill](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:35:02 AM

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We need this administration to continue to support and fund our parks in New York City with the long overdue goal of dedicating 1% due of the City budget to have our parks for New City residents to enjoy with clean surroundings and safety for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

Fay D Hill

[REDACTED] Springfield Gardens, NY 11413-3312

Executive Director/Secretary, Volunteers for Springfield Park

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Fay Krimper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:05:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Fay Krimper
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-3940

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Frances Weaver](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 4:31:35 PM

[REDACTED]

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Frances Weaver
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10470-1726

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Franchesca Guerrero](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:03:35 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-4810

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Francine Lange](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:44:51 PM

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We NEED, NEED, NEED clean and up to date bathrooms, please!
We need Parks employees keeping the greenery looking good.

Sincerely,
Francine Lange
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-8960
Community Garden member, Albert's Garden NYC

From: sangifran@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [francine sangiovanni](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:03:50 AM

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Sincerely,
francine sangiovanni
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10128-6752

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Francis X McHugh](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-1564

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Francisco Velez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:01:44 AM

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[REDACTED] Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591-3400

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Frank DAmico](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Sincerely,
Mr. Frank DAmico
[REDACTED] Floral Park, NY 11001-3047
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Frederica Miller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:07:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Frederica Miller
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-5114
gardener!, Green Park Gardeners
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Freya Goldstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:43:36 AM

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Freya Goldstein
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-4220

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gabriel Bobek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mr. Gabriel Bobek
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10012-1356
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gabrielle Tessler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Gabrielle Tessler

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-6279
Co-president, 100 W 16th St Block Association
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gaby Arauz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:20:05 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-1079

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gail Winston](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 2:22:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Gail Winston
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-8060
Green Park Gardeners NYC
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gaila Swindell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:22:22 PM

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Gaila Swindell
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-6248

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gary Richardson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:27:11 AM

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Gary Richardson

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-2799

From: genevievewagnerohio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Genevieve Wagner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 4:22:23 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms Genevieve Wagner

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11237-5050

Senior Manager of Public Programs, The Municipal Art Society of New York

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [George Grumbach](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:02:55 PM

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Sincerely,
Mt George Grumbach
[REDACTED] Wedt New York, NY 10024-1513

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Georgia Silvera Seamans](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:11:56 AM

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Sincerely,
Georgia Silvera Seamans
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10276-1702
Executive Director, Local Nature Lab
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gerald Hassett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:48:48 PM

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[REDACTED] Sunnyside, NY 11104-2251

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gerald Sachs](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:21:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Gerald Sachs
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11235-2310
Manhattan Beach Community Group, Tree Stewart
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gerald Siciliano](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:00:50 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1903
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gerald Walsh](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:55:38 AM

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[REDACTED] Brewster, NY 10509-3023

From: giladriaffe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gilad Jaffe](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 10:30:47 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-4323

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gilberte Vansintejan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:41:16 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-1761

No - retired

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gina Auletta](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:44:44 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Gina Auletta
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-5307

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gina Lapinski](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:44:06 PM

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THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Gina Lapinski



New York, NY 10033-2325

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gina Santonas](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:14:29 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Gina Santonas
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-5204

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gina Snow Magid](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Gina Snow Magid
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-2604
Member, GREC, CAB, Friends of Cooper Park, Cooper Park Dog
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gino Czaster](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:51:52 PM

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[REDACTED] Tonawanda, NY 14150-8151

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gio Capone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3587

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Giordana Avila](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-2102

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Giovanni Mastrandrea](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:04:02 PM

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[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10309-4260

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Grace Medico-Cuapio](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 3:15:42 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Grasilel Diaz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:21:15 PM

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To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:50:11 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Greg Kay

[REDACTED] 11104 Cypress, TX 77433-4712

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gregory Cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:06:45 AM

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Gregory Cohen
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2403

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gregory Garnant](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:28:29 PM

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All the evidence shows that parks and other greenspaces are necessary for people's health.

Sincerely,
Gregory Garnant
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-6113

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gregory V](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:31:25 PM

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Mr. Gregory V
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-2856
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Griffin Shute](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:57:51 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-4125

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gwendolyn Garrett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 5:53:13 PM

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Sincerely,
Gwendolyn Garrett
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-3438
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [HADASSAH SONNENSCHN](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:37:31 PM

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Sincerely,
HADASSAH SONNENSCHN
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-5282

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Haide Kwan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 4:36:31 AM

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I have enjoyed going to public parks in NYC my entire life. In my youth, my family went to Prospect Park in Brooklyn for many enjoyable and fun weekends.

I also visited Central Park during my college years since I attended Hunter College. My family also visited Central Park's zoo, enjoying boat rides and just getting together with family members and friends at the NYC's parks.

Currently I've visited Kissena Corridor in the summer months with long walks accompanied by

my husband and friends.

I've also visited Alley Pond Park with my family for Halloween Hay Rides, hiking in the park and just enjoying nature at the various parks in Queens.

Our family had been going for BBQ's and church gathering's in Queens for many, many years.

We have gatherings with our church numbering in the 100 to 150 people in our Annual picnics and games day since 2004!.

I have been a Queens residence for 48 years. A Brooklyn residence for 25 years.

New York City Parks had been an integral park of my family's entertainment and community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Haide Kwan

[REDACTED] Fresh Meadows, NY 11365-1247

Owner, Self Employed

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Haley Morgan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:40:40 PM

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Sincerely,
Haley Morgan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1103

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Hannah Edgerly](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:16:37 PM

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Hannah Edgerly
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11232-1062

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Hannah Kuessner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:17:14 PM

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Miss Hannah Kuessner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-7789

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Hannah Lee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7240

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Harriet Cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:13:00 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10016-2759

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Harriette Natkins](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-2676
Volunteer Park Tender, Riverside Park Conservancy
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Harrison NEsbit](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4401

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Harvey Feuerstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10075-0709
[REDACTED]

From: haydenbrockett@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Hayden Brockett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 5:38:31 PM

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Hayden Brockett

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-2793

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Heather Ferguson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Dr. Heather Ferguson
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5911
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Heather Hall](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:28:01 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-0718

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [HEATHER JASON](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:10:45 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10031-4800

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Heather Norton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:15:07 AM

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Sincerely,
Heather Norton

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-4822

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Heidi Vanderlee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:18:08 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-4336
[REDACTED]

From: helenychang@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Helen Chang](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:13:42 PM

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Helen Chang
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-1632

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Helen Shaskan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-4595

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Hilary Lawton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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The park is a wonderful place for the community to be able to enjoy some green space, but without proper funding, the park, and its flora and fauna are only going to continue to deteriorate. Especially in the face of climate change, with more extreme weather and wind- we need funding to ensure that the park is safe and vibrant for decades to

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Sincerely,
Hilary Lawton

 Brooklyn, NY 11215-6012

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [hillary weisman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6008

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Honor Hawkins](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10075-1900

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Hope Brice](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Hope Brice
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3152
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ian Braddy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 4:01:26 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-1367

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ian Eletz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:07:50 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11203-4016
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ilona Nambisan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ilona Nambisan
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-1209

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ilya Speranza](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Ms. Ilya Speranza
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11233-1507

From: immanuel.stennett@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Immanuel Stennett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Immanuel Stennett

[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10304-4609
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Inessah Selditz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:00:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Inessah Selditz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-5169

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Inslee Coddington](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:41:21 AM

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Inslee Coddington
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6379

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Irina Koryagina](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:05:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Irina Koryagina
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-5001
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Isabel Galarce](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 5:40:24 PM

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Sincerely,
Isabel [REDACTED]
265 14th St Brooklyn, NY 11215-4911
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Isabel Sadurni](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:59:47 PM

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New York City's 30,000 acres of parkland constitute one of the largest and most valuable public trust resources under municipal stewardship.

I respectfully urge the Council to make sustained investment in parks personnel a priority in the FY27 budget and to provide the staffing resources necessary to protect and strengthen New York City's park system for years to come.

Sincerely,

Isabel Sadurni



Phoenicia, NY 12464-5118

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Isabelis Payan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Isabelis Payan

[REDACTED] Jacksonville, FL 32225-6837

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ismet Jooma](#)
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Ismet Jooma

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2951

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ivette Hernandez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Ivette Hernandez
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10465-3110
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jacalyn Dinhofer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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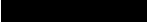
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I'm a retired UFT teacher, parent of 2, grandparent, still residing in NYC. We
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housing! Cities need parks to clean our
air and reduce air pollution and heat.
If the diminishing middle class is to survive
in this city, prioritize parks, schools and
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Never forget: separate church and state!

We need parks!

Sincerely,

Ms Jacalyn Dinhofer

 New York, NY 10011-6328

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [JACK LATORRE](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:17:10 PM

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[REDACTED] NY11220 Brooklyn, NY 11220-4825
NAY (Neighborhoods Against Yes)
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jack O'Brien](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:17:57 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-4279

From: jacquelyn.kenel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jackie Kenel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:41:03 PM

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[REDACTED] Rockaway Park, NY 11694-2785

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jacopo Gardini](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:15:40 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-7456

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jacqueline Rogers](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:25:27 AM

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[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1417
President, Friends of Beach 43rd Street Waterfront Park
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [jacquelyne Wtherspoon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 1:39:54 PM

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

The Hon. Jacqueline K. Weatherspoon

Sincerely,

The Hon. jacquelyne Wtherspoon

██████████ New York, NY 10030-2591

Member, West 137th Street Block Association

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jake Greenblatt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:01:35 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-3280
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jake Obstfeld](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:21:34 PM

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Jake Obstfeld
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5104

From: [REDACTED] [James Bourbon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:36:51 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6023

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [James Nadeau](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:09:35 PM

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Sincerely,
James Nadeau
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-3999

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jamie Fermin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:28:36 AM

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Ms Jamie Fermin

[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1119

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jamie Lynn Meister](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 10:56:35 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2303

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jamilah Elder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:11:06 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Jamilah Elder

[REDACTED] Woodside, NY 11377-3632

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jan Emerson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:33:58 PM

[REDACTED]

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WQe use our parks and we need them!

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Jan Emerson

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10032-1326

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jana Angelakis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:47:05 AM

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This is a necessity for all New Yorkers. Public outdoor space must be maintained for everyone to enjoy. Ongoing funding is a must.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jana Angelakis
[REDACTED] Westbrook, CT 06498

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Janaira Ramirez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Well maintained parks as essential to the healthy functioning of our city and provide well paying jobs for youth and future green careers. We ask for more consistent funding for park patrol officers, forestry staff, playground associates, and gardeners.

Sincerely,

Janaira Ramirez

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10014-1406
Youth and Career Development Program Manager, Friends of The High Line
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jane Selden](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:53:13 PM

CAUTION: [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Jane Selden

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-8218
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [jane weart](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:04:47 AM

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When I turn from 14th Street into Stuyvesant Town, I feel a difference in the air and appreciate the trees. All New Yorkers--all people--should be able to enjoy full benefits of trees.

Sincerely,
jane weart

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-2412

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Janet Belden](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Janet Belden
[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-5320
Long Island City Coalition
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [janet forman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms. Janet Forman

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-1514

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Janet Netzke](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:06:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Janet Netzke
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-1521

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Janice Bailey](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:18:35 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Janice Bailey
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10019-8201

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Janice Bloom](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:18:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Janice Bloom
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5614

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jean Gazis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:05:22 PM

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Jean Gazis

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2111

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jean Jaworek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-4475

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jean-Luc Benayoun](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 5:32:12 PM

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Sincerely,
M Jean-Luc Benayoun
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-5853

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jeanne DuPont](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Jeanne DuPont
[REDACTED] Arverne, NY 11692-1801
President, RISE Rockaway Initiative 4 Sustainability & Equity
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jeanne Perkins](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:11:40 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-6228

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jeanne Small](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mrs. Jeanne Small
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3848

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jeffrey Freilich](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Jeffrey Freilich

[REDACTED] Whitestone, NY 11357-3344

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [jeffrey silman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
jeffrey silman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-4523

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jeffrey Stark](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 5:21:19 PM

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Sincerely,
Jeffrey Stark

[REDACTED] Rego Park, NY 11374-5146
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jeni Cretens](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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So I reiterate with others—Mayor and City Councilpersons, restore staffing, strengthen park maintenance, and continue making measurable progress toward the long-overdue goal of dedicating 1% of the city budget to NYC Parks.

Sincerely,
Jeni Cretens
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11209-3710

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jenn Dunham](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-7818

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennie Encalada-Malinowski](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-1808

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennifer Alden](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-8400

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennifer Chin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms Jennifer Chin
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4965

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennifer Dyck-Sprout](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4560

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennifer Falk](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-2760

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennifer Fleishhacker](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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These trees are critical city infrastructure, and they provide shade, cooling, and flood abatement that are worth their weight in gold.

At present the overstretched Parks department is somehow being held solely responsible for the care of this massive city resource.

They need more support.

The department is not being funded in a way that allows staff to adequately coordinate care—or even to do the necessary public outreach to promote a broader citizen commitment to care.

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Sincerely,

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██████████ Brooklyn, NY 11215-3313

Founder, Clean Up Kensington

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennifer Mahlman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 11:35:36 AM

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Mahlman

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1226

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jennifer Valentine](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Jennifer Valentine
[REDACTED] Massapequa Park, NY 11762-1850

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [JENNY Tan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
JENNY Tan
[REDACTED] Briarwood, NY 11435-1347
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jessica Kahler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-2498

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jessica Maffia](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1409

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jessica McCauley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:23:25 AM

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Sincerely,
Jessica McCauley
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1637

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jessica Ochoa Hendrix](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:19:21 AM

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The parks are such an important part of the city and a particularly special place for my family. Please fund the parks fully so that we can all enjoy the beauty of this city.

Sincerely,
Jessica Ochoa Hendrix
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-5519

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jessica Wade](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10014-5029

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jessie Magee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 4:49:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Jessie Magee
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-2254

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jill Apppel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Jill Apppel

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10065-7758

Green park Gardeners NYC

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jo Anne Evans](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED], NY 12144-4119

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joana Chan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Joana Chan
[REDACTED] Sunnyside, NY 11104-4203
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joanna Taylor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:49:05 AM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Jackson Heights, NY 11372-4150

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [JOANNA ZDZIASZEK](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 1:53:41 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. JOANNA ZDZIASZEK
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-2310
N/A
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joel Steinhaus](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:17:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Joel Steinhaus
[REDACTED] Scarsdale, NY 10583-4546

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Johanna Mosenthal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 9:11:59 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-2735

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [John Giambrone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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John Giambrone
[REDACTED] Melville, NY 11747-1610

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [John Jarzemsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:37:48 PM

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I am a proud supporter of the mayor and want to impress upon both him and the council that Prospect Park is the life blood my community. My wife and I made this neighborhood our forever home in no small part because of the park and what an amazing space it is for us, our neighbors, and countless New Yorkers from all over. Brooklyn's backyard depends on you.

Sincerely,
John Jarzemsky
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3952

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [John Lazarek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:55:14 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. John Lazarek
[REDACTED] Lindenhurst, NY 11757-6334
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From: johnaochoa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [John Ochoa](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 12:16:58 PM

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John Ochoa

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-0880

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [JOHN OLSON](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:02:51 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. JOHN OLSON
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-9313

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [John Reynolds](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:40:36 PM

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Mr. John Reynolds

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2830

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Johnny Harmon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:43:55 AM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Johnny Harmon
[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-7324

From: contact@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jonas Silva](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 5:03:15 PM

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Jonas Silva
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10454-4565
Founder, Dogs of Mott Haven Inc
contact@dogsofmh.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jonathan Biskner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:40:47 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-2802

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jonathan Fisher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-4075

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jonathan Schwartz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1402

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jonathan Sobel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-6846
Park Odyssey (parkodyssey.com)
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To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 12:28:29 PM

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Sincerely,
Jonathan Terry
[REDACTED] Nashville, TN 37216-4004

From: JValentino@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jonathan Valentino](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:39:43 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-6678

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jordi Ng](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:48:35 AM

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Jordi Ng

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-8636

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jorell Rivera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:33:24 AM

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Mr. Jorell Rivera
[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415-3553

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joseph Bean](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:41:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Joseph Bean
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3745
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joseph Cozza](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:58:03 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5481

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joseph Telano](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:59:18 PM

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Mr. Joseph Telano
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2398

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joseph Winger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:22:40 PM

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Sincerely,
Joseph Winger
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-5467

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joshua Heffron](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:15:28 PM

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Joshua Heffron
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10021-3230
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From: joshua.multer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joshua Multer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-4028

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joy Gess](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:15:50 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-4348

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joyce Cannady](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Joyce Cannady

[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10306-4762

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joyce Fitzpatrick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-3302

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judith Ackerman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:39:06 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-1023
Retired
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judith Schwartz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:28:07 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Judith Schwartz

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-5516

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judith Weis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:08:49 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-5401
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judy Antell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:17:12 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4301

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Juli Goldfein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:35:44 AM

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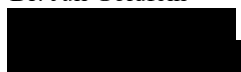
I'm fortunate to live near Riverside Park and Central Park, which both have privately funded conservancies which keep them maintained and safe. However, so many of NYC's parks, especially in outer boroughs, have been neglected for years.

I don't know what I'd do without my parks. Everyone deserves beautiful, safe parks in their neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Juli Goldfein PhD

Sincerely,
Dr. Juli Goldfein



New York, NY 10024-3851

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julia Busto](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:49:43 PM

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[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-5147

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julia Mair](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:20:42 PM

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Ms Julia Mair

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-2981

Bodega and Small Business Group

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julia Purrazzella](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:28:40 PM

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Thank you for your time.

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[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10304-3927

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julia Thomsen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:39:11 AM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-7270
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julianne Yotov](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:26:39 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2575

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julie Levin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 4:35:12 PM

[REDACTED]

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I walk dogs for a living and am in the park much of the day experiencing the joy people get from being in nature. Nature is a great place for the stress to melt away, and for community bonds to form. Our parks are a positive way to help our city!

Sincerely,

Ms. Julie Levin

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-6201

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julie Stein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:33:18 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-1503
Executive Director, Union Square Partnership
jstein@unionsquarenyc.org

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Juliet Wolf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:31:08 PM

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Please fully fund the parks and those who take care of them. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Juliet Wolf



Brooklyn, NY 11231-1262

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [K Brinkman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:13:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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K Brinkman

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10012-3069

From: kaitlynhurd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kait Hurd](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 10:32:21 AM

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[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-9115

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kali Wallace](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-4490

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kanwaldeep Sekhon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 5:49:17 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kanwaldeep Sekhon

[REDACTED] Glen Oaks, NY 11004-1517

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen E. Lund](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:39:56 PM

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Parks are essential services, closely behind schools, libraries and hospitals, and ahead of pretty much everything else. Even people who never visit our parks (though they really ought to!) benefit from the cooling effect of parks and the improved air quality in neighborhoods near parks.

Sincerely,
Miss Karen E. Lund
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10306-4512

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen Fausch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:19:08 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-2215
PlayFair
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen Lane](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:34:06 PM

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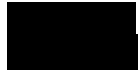
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This is first everyone—regardless of age, sex, race, religion, political party, income level, nationality.

We all need this.

Sincerely,
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825 Fifth Avenue
NYC. NY. 10065

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 New York, NY 10065-7268

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen Law](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Rego Park, NY 11374-4651

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen mazza](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Karen Mazza

Sincerely,

Ms. Karen mazza

[REDACTED] Bayside, NY 11361-2627

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karina Vasquez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Woodside, NY 11377-1459

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kate Cusack](#)
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[REDACTED] Jackson Heights, NY 11372-2905

From: kathryn timer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [kate delgado](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 6:17:47 AM

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Sincerely,
mrs kate delgado
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-6061

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kate Dessommes](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kate Huyett](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4501
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From: katenelson28@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kate Nelson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: FY27 NYC Parks Executive Budget Hearing, Finance Committee
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 10:49:33 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-3456

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kate Skolnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Kate Skolnick
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-2864

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katherine Dean](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:37:43 AM

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Sincerely,
Katherine Dean

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1551

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katherine Kavanagh](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 10:48:04 AM

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Katherine Kavanagh
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10031-3533
Maggie's Garden, NYRP
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katherine Moriwaki](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Katherine Moriwaki

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2467
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katherine O'Sullivan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms. Katherine O'Sullivan
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-5307

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katheryn Weiller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:57:01 PM

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Katheryn Weiller
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-6257

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathie Young](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:55:32 PM

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Sincerely,
Kathie Young
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-1858
Co Chair, Earth Care Action Group/1st Presb Church NYC.
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From: [REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Brennan
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026 8:24:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Kathleen Brennan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-5774
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From: Kcorriganmd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kathleen Corrigan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 5:08:41 PM

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Sincerely,
Kathleen Corrigan

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Dr. Kathleen Corrigan
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-7256

Gardener/Volunteer Coordinator, Friends of Tompkins Square Park



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathleen Sweeney](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-1151

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathryn Herskovits](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-4872

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathryn Lurie](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-8705

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathryn Rutkowsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:38:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Kathryn Rutkowsky
[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11106-4653
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathryn Schneider](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:30:58 AM

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Kathryn Schneider

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-2030

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathy Park Price](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 10:47:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Kathy Park Price
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3910

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathy Romanelli](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:15:14 AM

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Sincerely,
Katherine Romanelli [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Ms Kathy Romanelli

[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10303-1817

Friends of Graniteville Quarry, Graniteville Quarry Park

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathy Slawinski](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:43:25 PM

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Those of us who live in the city are dependent on parks and green spaces for our mental health and temperature control--please maintain these spaces for us!

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathy Slawinski
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10010-4012
retired
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katie Harris](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:13:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Katie Harris

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-4740
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katie Young](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 12:36:57 PM

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As a member of the Mounter Parks Enforcement Auxiliary, I've seen the positive impact parks employees have on our parks, and the lives of New Yorkers!

Sincerely,
Katie Young

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-4329

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katsue Yoshimura](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:19:15 PM

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Sincerely,
Katsue Yoshimura
[REDACTED] Scarsdale, NY 10583-5202
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katy Plott](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:20:58 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-5955

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [kelebohile nkhereanye](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:20:09 PM

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Sincerely,
kelebohile nkhereanye

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-4211
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kelly Brandi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:44:38 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Apt 6C Brooklyn, NY 11215-2356
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kelly Maina](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:55:52 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-7104

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kelly Vilar](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Kelly Vilar
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10301-1401
Staten Island Urban Center
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kelsie Docherty](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:22:45 PM

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Kelsie Docherty
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2480

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kennedee Blanchard](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:50:05 PM

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[REDACTED] Schenectady, NY 12303-4356

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kenneth Hittel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:25:44 AM

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Dr. Kenneth Hittel

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-1100

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [KENNETH KRYNICKI](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:49:21 AM

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Sincerely,
Mr. KENNETH KRYNICKI
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-5957

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kieran Micka-Maloy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:19:09 PM

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Mr. Kieran Micka-Maloy
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-7837

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kim Acevedo](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:57:50 AM

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Ms Kim Acevedo
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10310-2625

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kim Fong](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:43:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Kim Fong

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-3638
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kim Mazzucco](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:10:10 PM

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Kim Mazzucco
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5912

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [kinga mojsa](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 8:03:11 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-2327

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [kisa lala](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:05:26 AM

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Sincerely,
kisa lala
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-6201
Writer
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [kjerstin rossi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:22:52 AM

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kjerstin rossi

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2753

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Klaus Lessnau](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:46:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Klaus Lessnau
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10128-6101
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kora Quintana](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:27:01 AM

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Sincerely,
Kora Quintana
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-4648

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kristal Aliyas](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 8:53:34 PM

[REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kristal Aliyas

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-7683

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kristin Russotti](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:43:07 PM

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Sincerely,
Kristin Russotti
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6012
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kristina Nokaj](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:36:13 PM

[REDACTED]

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Kristina Nokaj

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10469-6240
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [LONDON Newton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:25:19 PM

[REDACTED]

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LONDON Newton
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-1901

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Larry Reilly](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-2107

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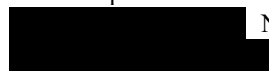
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New York, NY 10021-3925

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We write on behalf of the Play Fair for Parks Coalition, founded and led by New Yorkers for Parks, New York League of Conservation Voters and District Council 37 and comprised of over 400 organizations calling for transformative investment in New York City's parks system. Free to the public, our parks are central to an affordable and thriving New York City.

Fully fund GreenThumb and baseline their 15 seasonal employees! The community garden arm of the department is vital to our neighborhoods and the staff is needed to help continue this effort.

We appreciate your commitment to dedicate 1% of the city budget for NYC Parks maintenance and operations and applaud the recently announced investment in modular bathrooms in parks, one of the goals in our Parks 2030 platform and First 100 Days for Parks agenda.

As we approach the start of the FY27 budget cycle, your administration has the opportunity to rebuild an agency crippled by decades of disinvestment and, more recently, four years of disproportionate PEG cuts and a hiring freeze. It is time for New York City to lead the nation and the world in its vision for parks and open spaces.

A recent New York Times poll asked readers to vote on 17 ways your administration can improve New York City. Fully funding our city's parks won handily, with 35,551 New Yorkers identifying this investment as a key priority. Why? New Yorkers love and rely on these spaces, yet have seen the steady depletion of NYC Parks and its workforce. They experience inequitable conditions based on zip code. And they see how forward-thinking cities across the country have invested in their parks systems to improve quality of life, address climate change, strengthen public health and more.

Investing with vision in NYC Parks means investing in thousands of union workers who steward 30,000 acres of public parkland, or 14% of New York City. It means investing in working families in every borough who depend on our parks. Parks are the original universal free childcare,

Sincerely,
Laura Hursr
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-8871

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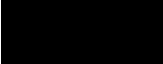
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I know we're in a tight financial place as a city and we have to make hard choices, but staffing our parks properly is so important to the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

Please invest in parks and in the future of our great city and its natural habitat.

Sincerely,
Dr. Laurel George

 Brooklyn, NY 11215-5919

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Lauren Crandall
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1709

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lauren Gagliardi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:13:27 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-1131
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lauren Gniazdowski](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-4217

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lauren Toney](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-7468

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Laurie Aron](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:19:05 AM

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Sincerely,
Miss Laurie Aron

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-3004

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah Danger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:32:46 PM

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Ms. Leah Danger
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3270

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah Rabadi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 12:30:35 PM

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Sincerely,
Leah Rabadi

[REDACTED] Yonkers, NY 10705-2942
Luther Burbank Garden Club, National Garden Clubs
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lee Ilan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:18:20 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-5464

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lee James](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:10:07 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-7423

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [LEONOR Cordova](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:32:12 AM

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Sincerely Leonor Cordova

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LEONOR Cordova

[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1209

Member Sponsor, The Garden by the Bay

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lesa Westerman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:18:39 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-6077
Garden Committee Head, Green Oasis & Gilbert's Sculpture Garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lesley Babino](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-1459

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leslie Barnett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Breezy Point, NY 11697-1724

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leslie Gomez Rivera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:29:14 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-3367
Policy Associate, Green Guerillas
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leslie Hiciano](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:54:39 AM

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Sincerely,
Leslie Hiciano
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-4943

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leslie Lewis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-5278

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lesther Escoto](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Lesther Escoto
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6139

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lila Attrino](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mrs Lila Attrino
[REDACTED] Deer Park, NY 11729-4911

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lili Barillas](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Lili Barillas

[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-4441

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Linda Agoston](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-3422

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Linda Lopez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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What could be more important?

Sincerely,
Linda Lopez
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-1517
Board Member, West 90s Neighborhood Association

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Linda Ng](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Parks and the services they provide are a vital part of city life. My 94-year-old mother frequents the parks near her for exercise and for enjoyment. My spouse and I also enjoy visiting the parks in our neighborhood as well.

Sincerely,
Ms. Linda Ng

[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11358-2373

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Linda Vigdor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Dr. Linda Vigdor

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1335

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lindsey Baxter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-4295

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Cover](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Ms. Lisa Cover
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11239-5700
NYC Department of Education
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Dorfman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1298

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Giallombardo](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 7:18:49 PM

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Thank you

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Lisa Giallombardo

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Staten Island, NY 10304-1527

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Guernsey](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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We need our parks and community gardens!

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4056

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Kahane](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:29:20 PM

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1% is little to ask for the benefits parks provide!

Sincerely,

Lisa Kahane



Bronx, NY 10451-2615

Photographer



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Scolari](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:59:05 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6042

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Smith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1258

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Liz Mefford](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mrs. Liz Mefford
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2802

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Liz Schnee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:50:59 AM

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Life in NYC can be tough and stressful. Parks are one of the things that improve quality of life!

Restore funding now!!!

Liz Schnee

Sincerely,

Ms. Liz Schnee

 Brooklyn, NY 11218-3102

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Liz York](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 2:11:38 PM

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This is urgent! Especially as the city has devastated multiple neighborhoods by clear cutting old growth tree canopies! In an attempt at "resiliency" the city is creating desert zones near our waterfront. Trees are our lifeline. We need funding for parks!!!

Sincerely,
Liz York

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10038-1874
Your Constituent!, New York City

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Liza Miller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:06:56 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-3172

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lizz Morhaim](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:31:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Lizz Morhaim
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-5766

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lizz Morhaim](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:44:10 PM

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I live in Brooklyn with my husband and daughters, ages 10 and 12. One of the reasons we've loved raising our daughters here is the variety and quality of parks! But we need more. We urge the Mayor and City Council to restore staffing, strengthen park maintenance, and continue making measurable progress toward the long-overdue goal of dedicating 1% of the city budget to NYC Parks.

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lori Alicie](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms. Lori Alicie
[REDACTED] Spencerport, NY 14559-2149
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lori Ann Johnson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-4781
10th street Gnomes, LES ecology center
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lori Cannava](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-3810

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lorial Crowder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms. Lorial Crowder

[REDACTED] York, NY 10034-3119
Outreach Coordinator, Friends of Inwood Hill Park
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lorita Watson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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We deserve the resources to help make maintain parks as the vital third space it is!! It brings both solace and activity to our over stressed community members.

Sincerely,
Ms. Lorita Watson
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10467-3353
Education Dorector, FOMP
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Louis A. Esposito](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 7:08:04 PM

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Mr. Louis A. Esposito

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11209-8026

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [louise albenda](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:47:16 AM

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Sincerely,
louise albenda
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11235-3726
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Louise Crowley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:04:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Louise Crowley
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10032-2819

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Louise Mulvihill](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:23:44 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Louise Mulvihill
[REDACTED] Jackson Heights, NY 11372-1935
Director, Jackson Heights Beautification Group
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Louise Parmis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:37:40 AM

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Sincerely,
Louise Parmis
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-2026

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Luke O Brien](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:09:43 AM

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Sincerely,
Luke O Brien

[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415-1813

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lydia Ennis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:53:46 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Lydia Ennis
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10030-2104

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lynda Mota](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:22:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Lynda Mota

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-4500

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lynn Pacifico](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:39:02 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Pacifico

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10014-2545

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lynn Yellen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:59:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Lynn Yellen

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-4761

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [M Chan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:39:51 PM

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Sincerely,
M Chan

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-5134

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mackenzie Rogers](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:22:18 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Mackenzie Rogers
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-6103
[REDACTED]

From: mv6343@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Macy verges](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 10:54:08 AM

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Sincerely,
Macy verges

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10013-4918

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Madeleine Carey](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:26:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Madeleine Carey
[REDACTED] Raleigh, NC 27615-2556

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Madeline Warner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 4:26:53 PM

[REDACTED]

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Madeline Warner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2314

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Magda Salvesen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:53:03 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10010-5806

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maj-Britt Dohlie](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 9:11:13 AM

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Maj-Britt Dohlie
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-4707
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Makayla Marchese-Svetnik](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:50:19 PM

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Mrs Makayla Marchese-Svetnik
[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415-1088

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Malachi Snyder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 4:00:36 PM

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Malachi Snyder
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-5205

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Malkie Rothman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 9:27:42 AM

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Malkie Rothman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-4517

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Manoj Rao](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 9:59:06 PM

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Manoj Rao

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10065-9308

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marcha Johnson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:39:57 PM

[REDACTED]

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dr Marcha Johnson

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-1132

From: mgordon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Marcy Gordon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:00:39 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Marcy Gordon
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11233-5969
Public Intellectuals for Social and Spare Change
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Margaret Barritt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:10:10 PM

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Margaret Barritt
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1695

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Margaret Doyle](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:53:04 PM

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Margaret Doyle
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-1916

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Margaret Frey](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:26:07 PM

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We did that all in coordination with the hard working, dedicated workers at Parks Department and through GreenThumb, who has always been there through us, through the pandemic and beyond.

Parks Department was one time fooled by Eric Adams, who promised "one penny on every tax dollar," to go to the Parks. He lied to us, and instead cut much of our critical Parks Department Staff.

DO NOT DEFUND GREENTHUMB. Rehire the GreenThumb employees who have shown dedication and commitment to keeping our Community Gardens and Parks "functioning" and "flourishing."

Parks Department needs every ounce of support.

DO NOT CUT ANY FUNDING or STAFFING of the Parks Department or GreenThumb.

Thankyou,
Margaret Frey
23 Year Member/Volunteer w GreenThumb
Mobilization for Change Garden.

Sincerely,
Margaret Frey
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-3284
Mobilization for Change Garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Margaret Martin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:02:06 PM

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[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-4958

From: margotrperron@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Margot Perron](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 6:46:54 PM

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Marine Park Alliance
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maria Ayala](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Thank you!
Maria Ayala

Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11249-3078
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maria Clausen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2589

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It the dedicated staff that work wonders with the limited funding the park receives and its time to address this

travesty.

Maria Contreras Collier

[REDACTED]

Jamaica NY 11432

Sincerely,

Ms. Maria Contreras Collier

[REDACTED]

Jamaica, NY 11432-2131

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maria Ferrari](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-3949

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maria Freeman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 2:55:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Maria Freeman

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-1317

Musician, Self Employed

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [maria.friedman@maria.friedman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Ms. maria.friedman@maria.friedman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-2030
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maria Garrett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Maria Garrett

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11236-4646
Vice-chari, Brooklyn park and open space coalition
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mariame Kaba](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mariame Kaba
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10010-3140
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marianne Hines](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mrs. Marianne Hines
[REDACTED] Saranac Lake, NY 12983-0442
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marie Niarhos](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-3151
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [MarieH Zanzal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:13:46 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms. MarieH Zanzal

[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-2146
Coordinator of Garden Programs, B.E.withART
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marielle Sorensen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-8856

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marija Avignone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10019-1325
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marika Olsen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-5811

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marilyn Reed](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Sincerely,
Marilyn Reed
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-1730

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [marilyn rosenberg](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-6269
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marion Boulton](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1345

From: [REDACTED] m on behalf of [Marion Street Park Block Association](#)
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Marion Street Park Block Association
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11233-2770
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Forsyth](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Mr. Mark Forsyth
[REDACTED] Redwood, NY 13679-0736
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark HOLLINRAKE](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Mr. Mark HOLLINRAKE

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-1539

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Sanchez](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mark Sanchez

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4866
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marlene Pantin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,

Marlene Pantin

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-2644

Executive Director, Red Hook Conservancy

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marlienne Christian](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-1002
Her-King Alagantic Block Association
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marquis Rawls](#)
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Marquis Rawls
[REDACTED] Glen Oaks, NY 11004-1119
Administrator, Cambria Heights Community Garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marta Schlitzer](#)
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[REDACTED] Jackson Heights, NY 11372-5721
Volunteer Assistant director, Jackson heights beautification group tree LC
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marta Teegen](#)
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I've served as a Volunteer Gardener in Fort Greene Park in Brooklyn for the last 6 seasons, and see first hand, week in and week out, how many people utilize this park. I also see how our park struggles to keep up with gardening and general maintenance due to staffing shortages.

Please help!

Sincerely,
Marta Teegen



Brooklyn, NY 11205-4128

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Martha Cameron](#)
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Sincerely,
Martha Cameron
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1208

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Martha Keating](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:43:55 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10019-7605

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Martha Lynch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:01:13 PM

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Ms. Martha Lynch

[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10314-5106

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Martha McClintock](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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The health of our parks are directly linked to human health. We neglect parks at our own peril.

Sincerely,

Ms. Martha McClintock

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-3651
Plant Native NW Bronx
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Martin Melkonian](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mr. Martin Melkonian
[REDACTED] Uniondale, NY 11553-2307
economist
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Martin Whiteley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Martin Whiteley
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10036-8324
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [martina himlova](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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martina himlova

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-3597

From: [REDACTED]@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Ann Fastook](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 5, 2026 9:05:11 AM

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Ms. Mary Ann Fastook
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10282-1131

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mary Ann Maikish](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 6:10:37 PM

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Ms Mary Ann Maikish
[REDACTED] Mamaroneck, NY 10543-4429
[REDACTED]

From: mwendt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Elizabeth Wendt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:40:30 PM

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Mary Elizabeth Wendt
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4302

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mary Kate Kelley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:50:38 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4331
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [mary most](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 9:28:16 AM

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mary most

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6014
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [mary oleary](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
mary oleary
[REDACTED] Breezy Point, NY 11697-1915
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mary Shuford](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4502

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maryanne Grimes-Genet](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:10:21 PM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10470-2125

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [mason martin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:45:25 AM

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mason martin

[REDACTED] Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250-2466

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matt Adler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:12:57 PM

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Matt Adler

[REDACTED] W Brooklyn, NY 11215-3567
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matthew Geller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:06:50 PM

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We understand the the city budget is under constant strain. But resources for our beloved parks is a no brainer in these trying times. Please do the right thing by us.

Sincerely,
Matthew Geller

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5949
Sustaining Member, Prospect Park Alliance
[REDACTED]

From: matthew.mcmorrow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Matthew McMorrow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:25:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Matthew McMorrow
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5785
Board Member, Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matthew Miller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:39:11 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Matthew Miller
[REDACTED] Bay Shore, NY 11706-7732
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matthew Young](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:55:19 PM

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Sincerely,
Matthew Young
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10470-1809

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Max Fera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:21:36 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-6097

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maya Kahn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:51:02 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Maya Kahn
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-3863

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mayesa Tasnim](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:22:25 PM

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Sincerely,
Mayesa Tasnim
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10462-5547

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [meg kettell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:08:13 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
meg kettell

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-5487

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Megan Carrier](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:36:57 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6104

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Megan Loures](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 4:34:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Megan Loures
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10470-2110

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Megan Morris](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:33:49 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Megan Morris
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4627
Local Projects
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Megan Taylor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:30:51 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Megan Taylor
[REDACTED] Jackson Heights, NY 11372-5454

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10464-1645
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3077

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Melissa Elstein](#)
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We need funding for care and maintenance of the street trees too, as well as for planting more of them throughout NYC to get to that at least 30% tree canopy before 2040.

Sincerely,

Melissa Elstein



New York, NY 10024-3260

Board Member, West 80s Neighborhood Assn./ Love Your Street Tree
west80sneighborhood@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Melissa Guion](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1806
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Melissa Julien](#)
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My name is Mel Julien representing the NYC Plover Project. The NYC Plover Project, a Rockaway-based nonprofit with the mission to protect endangered piping plovers and other shorebirds that nest on NYC's beaches through volunteerism, community engagement and educational outreach. One of our key locations is the Rockaway Beach Endangered Species Nesting Area, located along the Arverne/Edgemere shoreline of the NYC Parks managed Rockaway Beach. It's home to at least 5 species of federally and state protected endangered wildlife. It's a biodiversity hotspot, unlike any other along the East Coast. And it's currently protected by the hardworking team at PEP.

PEP Officers ensure that both beachgoers and wildlife remain safe in this special location. They do this by making sure that beachgoers understand and adhere to beach rules and model what environmental conservation can be.

But PEP needs more support from the Mayor and City Council to do this job. I stand with the Play Fair for Parks Coalition and urge the Mayor and City Council to protect PEP and their positions throughout NYC. As the city invests in new and expanded parks and parks programs, it must also invest in the personnel who keep these spaces safe, usable, and thriving. The safety and well-being of NYC's human and wildlife residents is at risk without this funding. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Melissa Julien

[REDACTED] St Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1427

Community Engagement and Advocacy Director, NYC Plover Project

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mercedes Gallese](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:01:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Mercedes Gallese

[REDACTED] Rockaway Park, NY 11694-2608

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Meril Schulman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mrs Meril Schulman
[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-6204

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Merritt Birnbaum](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10021-5260

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Brandes](#)
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[REDACTED] White Plains, NY 10605-2060

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Haigney](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3178

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Kay](#)
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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Kay
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-2519

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Laird](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-5793

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Madden](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mr. Michael Madden
[REDACTED] New City, NY 10956-2846

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Ring](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:14:56 AM

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work. They don't need overtime to stand on the side of the sidewalk during a street closure.

Sincerely,

Michael Ring

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1509

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Silber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:01:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Michael Silber

Brooklyn, NY 11215-6008

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Streeter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:39:49 PM

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Sincerely,
Michael Streeter
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-4160
New York Clean Air Collective
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Zullo](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 5:12:44 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10017-1635

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michele Bertran](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:38:05 PM

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Michele Bertran

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-1503

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michele Smith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:28:31 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Michele Smith

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3950
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michelle Gill](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Dr. Michelle Gill

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-2570
[REDACTED]

From: [Michelle King](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] June 10 Public Hearing public comment
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:35:05 AM

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As a NYC taxpayer, I find it imperative to decarcerate and close Rikers Island by reinvesting the DOC budget into community based care and services that are more fiscally responsible and actually keep our communities safe.

City Council of NYC committed to closing the jails on Rikers Island by 2027, and investing in community based mental health care services, diversion & reentry, and alternatives to incarceration will help the city close Rikers by resourcing New Yorkers and investing in communities both before and after they interact with the criminal legal system is more fiscally responsible than continuing to fund a dilapidated and toxic Rikers Island.

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We need to pass a FY27 Budget that makes the necessary investments to remove the stain of Rikers Island from our city once and for all.

In community,

Michelle King

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mick Arieta](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:42:38 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mick Arieta

[REDACTED] Arverne, NY 11692-1643

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miguel Rivera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:55:43 AM

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Miguel Rivera

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10453-6839

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mika Sakamoto](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10035-2951
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Minerva Huang](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10035-4772

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mira Rubens](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:51:01 PM

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Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mira Rubens
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5917

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mirah Zeitlyn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:09:38 AM

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Sincerely,
Mirah Zeitlyn
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-7807
Mom, Moms!
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miraida Morales](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:42:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Miraida Morales
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-1610

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Leigh](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Miriam Leigh

[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-2490

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [modesto martinez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mr. modesto martinez

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-1155

Apsw, Parks department

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Molly Dilworth](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:22:15 PM

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Sincerely,

Molly Dilworth

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10452-9029
Board Member, 1075 Grand Concourse Tenants co-op
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Molly Jensen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:47:33 AM

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Molly Jensen
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2942

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Molly Perron](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 12:10:48 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-3928

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Monica Engler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Monica Engler
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-5048

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Monica Russell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:24:03 PM

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Ms. Monica Russell

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-6455
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Myra Dremeaux](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Ms. Myra Dremeaux
[REDACTED] Mount Kisco, NY 10549-1808
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [NANCY BLUM](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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NANCY BLUM
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-4935

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nancy Bruning](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Nancy Bruning

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-1151

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nancy Cross Shimmel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Nancy Cross Shimmel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5416

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nancy Slotnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Nancy Slotnick
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-6080
Stewards of McCarren Park
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nancy Stuzin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:05:42 AM

[REDACTED]

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The Mayor should increase the entire budget for the NYC Parks Department. They do important work around the city and the shoestring budget and salaries paid to all the talented and dedicated Parks employees is pathetic. They are not even being paid living wages for critical work.

Sincerely,
Nancy Stuzin
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10128-1262

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Naomi Lehman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:31:41 PM

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Ms. Naomi Lehman

[REDACTED] Woodside, NY 11377-4221

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Natalie Pao](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:25:07 PM

[REDACTED]

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Natalie Pao

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10010-6434
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Natasha Eziquiel-Shriro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:20:23 AM

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Sincerely,
Natasha Eziquiel-Shriro
[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-5166

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Natasha Quam](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:56:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Natasha Quam
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11221-1705

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Natasha Rivera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:15:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Natasha Rivera
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-2170
Emerie Styles Design Co LLC
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Natassia Buckridge](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:56:22 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Natassia Buckridge
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-4960

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nathan Chavkin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:36:02 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Nathan Chavkin
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1020

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ned Durkovic](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:47:40 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ned Durkovic
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11354-7152
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Neil Anastasio](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:29:14 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Neil Anastasio
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10310-2105
President, Forest Regional Residents' Civic Association
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Niccolo Baldi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 7:39:26 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Niccolo Baldi
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4884
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nicholas Arcuri](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:23:16 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Nicholas Arcuri
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7140

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nicholas Tran](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:20:37 AM

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[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11354-1320
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nick Nicewonder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 4:03:41 PM

[REDACTED]

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Nick Nicewonder
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3613

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nicolas Shearman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:46:28 AM

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[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11102-5078
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nicole Clement](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nicole Nelson](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4301

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nikila Simonutti](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2719

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nina Chin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms. Nina Chin
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11235-2311
Manhattan Beach Community Group
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nina Dibner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Thanks for supporting NYC

Sincerely,
Ms Nina Dibner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-2103

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Noah Pasquarello](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 12:02:18 AM

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Mr. Noah Pasquarello
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-3119
Volunteer, Friends of Inwood Hill Park
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Noelle King](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:14:43 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Noelle King
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1453

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nolan Schmidt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 4:57:25 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6517

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nora McCauley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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After this unpleasant surprise--Dyker is not one of those places where there are lots of other amenities within an easy walk--I looked into the situation more broadly. It seemed that the Second Shift (?) program was the next best option, but that the Adams administration was effectively discontinuing it.

This is not only nonsensical, given how well-used New York's parks are at all hours, but also short-sighted, given

how many people would appreciate the employment and how many people would benefit from the simple action of keeping bathrooms open throughout daylight hours.

Our parks are our lungs, our yards, our refuge, our destination, our hang-out, and they are also all these things for tourists. Maybe New Yorkers can pretend to like the hostility of locked bathrooms, but our reputation suffers.

It's a small but meaningful commitment. Please make it.

Sincerely,

Nora McCauley



Brooklyn, NY 11201-4915

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Noreen DeLuca](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:46:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Noreen DeLuca

 Belle Harbor, NY 11694-1508

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Norma Grant](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:10:25 AM

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Norma Grant

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-5611
[REDACTED]

From: friendsofbaileyplayground@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Oliver Rivera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Oliver Rivera

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-6051

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Olivia Rosenkrantz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Olivia Rosenkrantz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-2327

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Olivia Trozze](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:37:06 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11206-7670

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Olivia Woodruff](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:52:03 AM

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Olivia Woodruff
[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11103-2311
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Owen Wexman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:40:08 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3613
[REDACTED]

From: g.pablo2012@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Pablo Garcia](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 6:17:07 PM

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Please keep this high visibility park a break.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Mr. Pablo Garcia

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-1334

From: [REDACTED] [Pam Fleming](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:43:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Pam Fleming
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-3607
Fearless Dreamer, Dead Zombie Band
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Pamela Jackson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:20:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Miss Pamela Jackson

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10457-1046

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Pamela Johnson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:31:06 AM

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Sincerely,
Pamela Johnson
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10469-2144
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Pat Chu](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:54:33 AM

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[REDACTED] Woodside, NY 11377-4054

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Pat Thilman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:11:26 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-5881

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Patrice Scinta](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:09:55 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Patrice Scinta

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-2045

From: paakre@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Patricia Aakre](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 9:11:29 AM

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Carina Van Bers as horticulturalist in the Parks Department was essential in training us volunteers at Finn Square. As a result of her suggestions, the garden has grown into a much more green oasis in a neighborhood with precious little green space. Since Carina retired, there have been fewer and fewer experts in what makes the parks and gardens thrive.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Aakre

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10013-2430
Finn Square
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Patricia Caro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:36:10 PM

[REDACTED]

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Of growing concern is stormwater management, since climate change in NYC has created many more sudden

downpours that follow periods of drought. During those periods of heavy rainfall, trees allow the ground to absorb water and reduce flooding into nearby built-up areas, which is critical since the sewers of NYC are often incapable of moving both wastewater and floodwater to safe locations.

By increasing funding for Parks, the City Council will actually be saving money.

Thank you.

Patricia T. Caro, Ph.D.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia Caro

 Kew Gardens, NY 11415-3555

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Patricia De Lorenzo](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:31:54 PM

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Sincerely,
Patricia De Lorenzo
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10309-2224

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [PATRICIA FITZGERALD](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:40:46 PM

[REDACTED]

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Ms. PATRICIA FITZGERALD
[REDACTED] Rockaway Park, NY 11694-1876
Retired, Retired
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Patricia Hackbarth](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:53:48 PM

[REDACTED]

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Our city parks play an enormous role in New Yorkers' physical and mental health, the quality of our air, and the beauty of our city. We cannot be the world-class city we mean to be without healthy parks. A degraded and struggling parkscape is a very sad affair.

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Sincerely,
Patricia Hackbarth

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-3738

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Patrick Downer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:30:10 PM

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Mr. Patrick Downer
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10452-4277
Programs Manager, Mosholu Preservation Corporation
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Patrick James](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:12:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Patrick James
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-2607
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Patrick Schnell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:47:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Patrick Schnell
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-2916
Dr., NY Clean Air Collective
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Paul Gottsegen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:34:29 PM

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Sincerely,
Paul Gottsegen
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10021-3561
NY4P
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Paula Grande](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:53:41 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Paula Grande
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-9153

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Paulette Spencer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:22:22 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Paulette Spencer

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10451-2605

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Pepper Rostami](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:58:25 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Pepper Rostami
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-4390

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Peter Draper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 4:06:51 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Peter Draper

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-1361

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Peter Feuerherd](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:04:51 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Peter Feuerherd

[REDACTED] Rockaway Park, NY 11694-2695

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Peter Gomori](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:45:15 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Dr. Peter Gomori
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2421
Treasurer, The Kensington Stewards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Peter Gotlieb](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:06:45 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr Peter Gotlieb

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-1923

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Peter Landy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:32:58 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5917

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4526

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Phil Konigsberg
[REDACTED] Bayside, NY 11360-2056
Retired
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Phillip Bausk
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10035-1167
Randall's Island Park Alliance
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Phyllis Cohen](#)
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Green Park Gardners NYC
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Mr. Piero Iberti
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3031

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rabeya Hussaini](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10014-3605

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1020

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-3726

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rachel Luna](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-4314

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1806

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Sincerely,
Rafil Kroll-Zaidi
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-1217
New York Clean Air Collective
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rama Dadarkar](#)
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Ms. Rama Dadarkar
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-3014
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rebecca Berlant](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:13:21 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4805

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rebecca Newton](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:51:56 PM

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Rebecca Newton
[REDACTED] Woodhaven, NY 11421-1745

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rebekah Gingrich](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:04:49 PM

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[REDACTED] Woodside, NY 11377-1514

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Redrick de Leon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Please fund the staffing, Mayor! Thank you.

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Redrick de Leon

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-5004

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Regina Overath](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:59:59 AM

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As a mayor for the people DO SOMETHING FOR THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT!
PASS THE BUDGET AND GIVE PARKS THEIR WELL DESERVED PORTION!

You wanted this job now do something and pass the budget NOW.

Sincerely,

Regina Overath

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-6877

Seasonal Park Worker

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Regina Sandler-Phillips](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:19:55 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4736

Member, East 4th Street Community Garden

[REDACTED]

From: rellashw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Rella Stuart-Hunt Wurmfeld](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:57:24 PM

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We, the members of FCHP have for years volunteered our time to help the gardener keep the park looking beautiful. We did it because we cared. We'd like to get our park back.

Sincerely,

Rella Stuart-Hunt Wurmfeld

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10007-1066

Long-time Member, Friends of City Hall Park (FCHP)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Renee Jones](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:15:55 AM

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Sincerely,
Renee Jones
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-3204
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From: reneestrickland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Renee Strickland](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Renee Strickland

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3229

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rhianne Larson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:31:14 PM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-4011

The Bridge
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Richard Dundy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Dr. Richard Dundy
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1016

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Richard Kite](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Washington, DC 20001-5401

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Richard Stern](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-2504

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rick Bruner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mr. Rick Bruner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-3867
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Riley Gallagher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:11:47 PM

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Riley Gallagher
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11206-7112

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rita Legro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:56:13 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Rita Legro
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-4719

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [RJ Hawkins](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 9:17:57 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11102-3542
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robbin Silverberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:12:54 AM

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Please we need more parks, more green, more support on every level!

I have lived in Greenpoint/Willemburg since 1998. The promise of a greenbelt on the waterfront has only been met in small patches while the 2 neighborhoods increase in population.

PLEASE follow through with finishing up the Bushwick Inlet and the other spaces, which are desperately needed. McCarren Park is too small to host everyone living here.

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Thank you!

Robbin Ami Silverberg

Sincerely,
Ms. Robbin Silverberg



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [robert chin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:34:21 PM

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[REDACTED] Fresh Meadows, NY 11366-1257
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert DeSimone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:12:18 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3206

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [robert gilbert](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:37:11 PM

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Sincerely,
robert gilbert
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3957

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Graf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:57:31 PM

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[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-5147

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Hay](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:42:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Robert Hay
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11375-5845

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Johnston](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:28:03 AM

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Sincerely,

Robert Johnston

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-3125

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Lombardi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:57:04 PM

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[REDACTED] Belle Harbor, NY 11694-1422

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Seidel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:46:24 AM

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Sincerely,
Robert Seidel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-1747

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Soret](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-3635
Stuyvesant Park Gardeners, Garden Volunteers @Stuyvesant Park (GVSP)
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robin Baumgarten](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:07:39 AM

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As a community gardener, tree care captain and citizen pruner, I am doing my part to contribute to the health of our city's natural environment.

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Sincerely,
Robin Baumgarten

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11237-3043

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robin Hopkins](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:58:07 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-6009

From: rspiegelman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Robin Spiegelman](#)
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Robin Spiegelman
[REDACTED] Queens Village, NY 11427-2114
Self
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robyn Glenn](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11207-6506
President/Leader, Community Cleanup the Park Beautification Project
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robyn Roth-Moise](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-7405

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [ROBYN WHITTINGHAM](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
ROBYN WHITTINGHAM
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10019-1325

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rodrigo Cassarino](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Rodrigo Cassarino
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3111
Prospect Park alliance
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [ROGER ZIEGLER](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Let's do this, people! We need open space and we need safety.

Sincerely,
ROGER ZIEGLER

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10065-7176

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rosalia Lucero](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Rosalia Lucero
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4256

Community Engagement Manager, LES Ecology Center
lia@lesecolgycenter.org

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rosemary Giambrone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Rosemary Giambrone

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[REDACTED] Melville, NY 11747-1610

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rosemary Jordan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Rosemary Jordan
[REDACTED] J New York, NY 10003-6425
Owner, Rasmali Wellness
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rosemary Ordonez](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Rosemary Ordonez
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10451-4664

Chair, Friends of Crotona Park
Friendsofcrotona@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rowan Bordewieck](#)
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Rowan Bordewieck
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-1000

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Sincerely,
Miss Roxanne Flornoy
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10128-1753

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ruthann McDermott](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:12:50 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Ruthann McDermott
[REDACTED] Williamsburg, VA 23188-9105

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ryan Davis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:34:49 PM

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Mr. Ryan Davis

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-1460

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ryan Sherrill](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:57:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Ryan Sherrill
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-2654
Accountant, Uber
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [S Forbes](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:32:02 PM

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S Forbes

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11233-4406

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [S thomas](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 1:50:06 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2567
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [S. Nam](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:02:52 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-4080

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sabine Stezenbach](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:12:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Sabine Stezenbach

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10467-4549

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sabrina Chap](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:04:23 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Sabrina Chap
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-2063

From: sabrinakissack3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sabrina Kissack](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 12:32:31 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11237-5901

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sachie Kita](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:51:34 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Sachie Kita
550 Vanderbilt Ave Apt 817 Brooklyn, NY 11238-5088
happyliife79@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sadia Joya](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:08:28 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sadia Joya

[REDACTED] Hollis, NY 11423-1931
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Salome Stulberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:43:31 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1257

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Salvatore Paternostro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:09:38 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4818

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sam Little](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:15:05 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sam Little

[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11103-3822
Pride of New York
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Samantha Asher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:47:04 PM

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Samantha Asher
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-4952

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Samuel Ellenbogen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:13:31 AM

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Samuel Ellenbogen
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-3801

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Samuel White](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Architect, City Dweller, and Parks Lover

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45 Gramercy Park N Apt 11A New York, NY 10010-6314
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [sandra Dal Cais](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
sandra Dal Cais
[REDACTED] Woodside, NY 11377-5337

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [sandra dalcais](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mrs. [sandra dalcais](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sandra Naidich](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:21:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Sandra Naidich
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6746

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sandy Fiebelkorn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:20:31 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-7409

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sandy McKee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:22:41 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Sandy McKee
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10017-1677
Alliance for Kips Bay
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Santiago Torres](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:06:41 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-8869

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sara Bennett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:14:56 AM

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Sara Bennett
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-4153
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sara Gunn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:57:22 AM

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[REDACTED] Astoria, NY 11102-2615
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sara Silberman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 4:21:10 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5696

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [sara taffel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 7:18:24 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-2508

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Anne Owens Sloman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 4:34:40 PM

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Sarah Anne Owens Sloman
[REDACTED] W Brooklyn, NY 11217-3950
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Burn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 15, 2026 5:01:05 PM

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Sarah Burn
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7571

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Clyne Sundberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:46:00 AM

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As someone who passes through Prospect Park twice daily on my commute and depends on it for recreation, exercise and sanity, and who also is a parent of a child who enjoys daycamps in the park in the summer and afterschool programs during the school year, I urge the Mayor and City Council to restore staffing, strengthen park maintenance, and continue making measurable progress toward the long-overdue goal of dedicating 1% of the city budget to NYC Parks.

Sincerely,
Sarah Clyne Sundberg
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11203-1504

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Cox](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Ms Sarah Cox
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-6061

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Gallagher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:48:28 PM

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Ms. Sarah Gallagher
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10065-7963

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Jean Avery](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3103
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Landreth](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Sarah Landreth
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5104
Development Director, New Yorkers for Parks
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Lovett](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:02:30 PM

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The parks are one of the many things that make our city great! Free spaces and programs where we can be a community need to be available, clean, and safe.

Sincerely,
Sarah Lovett
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1702

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah McMillan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:24:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Sarah McMillan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-1002

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Sheffield](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:50:45 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11211-2603

Volunteer/Leader, Friends of Cooper Park

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Stone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:37:29 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4113

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Swift](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:33:52 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11205-4101
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Valeri](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:12:07 PM

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NYC is also home to many edible plants that are often seen as weeds. Money could be put towards teaching people how to safely tend these weeds in their natural growth.

We could also provide eco friendly landscaping education to building supers in the city. Because pollinators need continuous pathways on flowering plants, not just isolated islands.

We can do so much more with our funds when we are taking care of everyone through the local green spaces, the big and the incredibly small. It is certain that money that goes to parks can only bring more good.

Thank you,

Sarah Valeri, LCAT

Sincerely,

Ms. Sarah Valeri

[REDACTED]

Brooklyn, NY 11218-2830

n/a

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Gallagher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 12:37:49 AM

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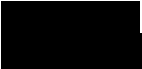
You have promised time and time again...

So now, DELIVER!!

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 New York, NY 10065-7963

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sari Mizrahi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:43:12 AM

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Sincerely,
Sari Mizrahi
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-7000
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sasha Nelson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:02:07 AM

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I use city parks daily for exercise, walking my dog and getting to and from work. I am grateful for the uninterrupted green space, well-paved paths and public water fountains and bathrooms. Parks counterbalance all of the roads and buildings.

Parks are vital to the city and deserve to be funded at more than a bare-bones level! I urge the Mayor and City Council to restore staffing, strengthen park maintenance, and continue making measurable progress toward the long-overdue goal of dedicating 1% of the city budget to NYC Parks.

Sincerely,
Sasha Nelson

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-3127

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [scott fitzgerald](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
scott fitzgerald
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6054

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Scott Korman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:27:49 AM

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Scott Korman

[REDACTED] Floral Park, NY 11005-1228

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Scott Lensing](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:31:29 AM

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Scott Lensing

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-2792

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Serina Griffin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:49:14 AM

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Sincerely,
Serina Griffin
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-2956

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shana Orlando](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:08:57 AM

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Sincerely,
Shana Orlando
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-1103

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shanna Blanchard](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:25:05 AM

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Sincerely,
Shanna Blanchard

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1736

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shanna Blanchard](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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We urge the administration to fully fund learn to swim programs for all ages and staffing for a full lap swimming calendar this year.

Sincerely,
Shanna Blanchard
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1736
Director, Water Safety Coalition
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shannon Lee Gilstad](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:28:04 AM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10468-1226

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shara Kabakow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:38:42 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-3666

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sharah Hilbert](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:02:34 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms Sharah Hilbert
[REDACTED] Queens Village, NY 11429-1039

From: sharonsilber@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sharon Silber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:18:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Sharon Silber

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-3751

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sharon Sprenkel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:44:41 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5972

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shawn Finlinsin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Physician, Retired
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sherrill Kazan](#)
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The Plaza is midway through a \$4million capital renovation administered by NYC Parks that includes restoration/repair of six non-working fountains. Parks staff is overwhelmed and we're still waiting for the fountains to work.

Hammar skjold Plaza (capacity 8000) , historically known as Gateway to the United Nations, is impacted by protests and cultural rallies, yet the park receives no funding for the wear and tear and outsized sanitation requirements due to trashed banners, flags, signs, discarded food, grease stains, not to mention noise.

The Plaza's Katharine Hepburn Garden is listed in guidebooks worldwide, yet last year we lost the only Parks gardener who serviced the park weekly .and we're told there are no replacements.

The pigeon population is increasing due to serial pigeon feeders. The food supply attracts rats. Pigeons foul the benches and pavement. Yet there is no one to enforce park rules and regulations.

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Dag Hammar skjold Plaza stands as an emblem of democracy and public assembly. In an area of high density towers and scarcity of parkland, the park offers the largest greenspace and urban forest in east midtown Manhattan. We and the many others who care for our parks, deserve better! So do the diligent and dedicated employees of NYC Parks Department.

SHERRILL KAZAN, PRESIDENT
FRIENDS OF DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sherrill Kazan

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[REDACTED] Oakland Gardens, NY 11364-2327

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sierra Smigelskiy](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Signe Mortensen](#)
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To: [Testimony](#)
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The importance of parks is clear. Not just for the benefits to physical health and mental health that are available equally to all, parks provide solutions to climate change's devastating impact. Parks throughout the city can provide crucially needed climate fixes, in the context of our green infrastructure with our urban forest canopy and potential

for rooftop greenery and solar panels, along with assisting with rainwater runoff and compost centers.

Less than 1% for DPR makes it even more difficult for the already understaffed, under-resourced NYC Parks Department to carry out the basic work needed to ensure parks are equitable and accessible for all New Yorkers. Essential staff, like PEP and Foresters, must be restored.

City Hall Park is in deplorable condition due to Mayor Giuliani's botched 1999 renovation & lack of proper maintenance for years, including the present.

With Forestry so understaffed, for instance, we fear for falling branches from the veteran trees that surround City Hall; with PEP shortages our safety is threatened and our park over-run with scofflaws, including the NE Plaza overrun with illegal vendors; the lack of gardeners harms our park's valuable forest and plantings; the one-third-staff of CHP CPW's is visible in the overflowing trash cans seen as you walk into City Hall; the dangerous pavement resulting from shortage of capital repairs remain hazards; etc etc.

Mayor Mamdani promised 1% for NYC Parks.

I submit full support for New Yorkers for Parks "Play Fair" recommendations.

Sincerely,

Skip Blumberg

██████████ New York, NY 10007-2318

Founder, Friends of City Hall Park

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sky Pape](#)
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Fires and maintenance needs in Inwood Hill Park, Manhattan's only remaining original forest, only underscore the needs for this budget commitment.

Sincerely,
Sky Pape

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-3002

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Skye Akiyama](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:44:07 PM

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Skye Akiyama
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-6073

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sophia Ancin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:44:08 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10005-1553

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Soretta Rodack](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 2:15:56 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Soretta Rodack
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10003-8705

From: spencerharbo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Spencer Harbo](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:22:15 PM

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Spencer Harbo
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-3819

From: [Sproule Love](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More Money for Hardened Daylighting
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 8:18:03 PM

[REDACTED]

I support \$15 million for hardened daylighting around New York City. My children are too scared to ride their bikes from our apartment on 124th St. to Central Park because of how fast drivers turn and go through intersections. My sister was run over by a driver when she had the crossing light. Let's make intersections safer with hardened daylighting!

Sproule Love

[REDACTED]
New York, NY 10027

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephanie Cimino](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:13:35 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Stephanie Cimino
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10301-1432

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephanie Cook](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Stephanie Cook
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-3545

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephanie Cozzi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:59:17 AM

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Teens don't have enough to do and often wind up hanging out in the parks, let's make the parks free of trash and with operating exercise equipment so that they can live their life in a safe and clean environment!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Cozzi
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11233-1302
Friends of Raymond Bush Playground
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephanie Lugo](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:44:57 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5608

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [STEPHANIE MEI](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:03:42 AM

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STEPHANIE MEI
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-5638

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephanie Perkins](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:26:30 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5631

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephanie Pilla](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 9:25:18 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-6192

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephen Melnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Mr Stephen Melnick
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-5631
Director, Friends of MacDonald Park
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steve Flack](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-4551

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steve Strauss](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Just sending police officers back to other duties or home after major incidents could save millions in unnecessary overtime. Police overstaffing remains a serious waste of City tax dollars. We also need to hire more officers and evaluate senior staff on their success or failure in managing overtime as additional ways to reduce unnecessary police labor costs.

Sincerely,
Steve Strauss

[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-5269
Mobility Solutions Northeast LLC
[REDACTED]

From: stevenboyce@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Steven Boyce](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:08:57 PM

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Sincerely,
Steven Boyce

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10013-1736
Friends of Capsouto Park, NYC Park volunteer group
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Graf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Ridgewood, NY 11385-4958
Principal, Steven Graf LLC.
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Huppert](#)
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10034-2745

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Lowenthal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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I live adjacent to Fort Greene park. It is a magnificent place with a grand promenade sorely in need of repaving.

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Sincerely,
Steven Lowenthal



Brooklyn, NY 11205-5213

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Silodor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Phoenix, AZ 85004-1719

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stuart Aaronson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Mr. Stuart Aaronson

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-4705

Advisor, Neighbors for a Greener Harlem

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Su Patel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Su Patel

Brooklyn, NY 11217-2202

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sumaya Ibraheem](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 9:39:08 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4749

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Adams](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Susan Adams

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2626
East Fourth Street Community Garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Blackwell](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Susan Blackwell
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-4166
Green Park Gardeners NYC
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Fisher](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-4695

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Friess Goldman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-7729

Co-president, Cong Tehillah

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Graf](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Hicksville, NY 11801-4541

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Hittel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7:01:07 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-1100
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Kaley](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:30:43 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-1106
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan McLenna](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:15:56 PM

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Thank you,
Susan McLenna

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From: sashasilverstein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan sasha Silverstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 1:11:49 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-3731

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Whelan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:59:35 PM

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The Park Conservancy has been doing a great job of keeping the park clean and safe but I hope that the City will help to administer to the needs of the Park.

Sincerely,
Ms Susan Whelan
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-4856
No Company

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susannah Spodek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:57:09 PM

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[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-6337

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susanne Goetz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:15:20 AM

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However, because of the unique challenges our neighborhood faces, keeping these parks safe, clean, and welcoming requires consistent city oversight and maintenance.

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I urge the administration and the City Council to allocate dedicated municipal funding and ensure stronger maintenance oversight for all public parks. Clean, safe green spaces should be a guaranteed right for every New Yorker, not a privilege reserved for wealthier zip codes.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to our city's neighborhoods. I look forward to hearing how the city plans to address this critical gap.

Sincerely,
Susanne Goetz

 Bronx, NY 10451-2314

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Suzan Kunz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:10:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Suzan Kunz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-7454
Miracle Garden/ green thumb
[REDACTED]

From: verdantvisdesign@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Suzan Marciona](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 10:00:57 AM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10035-2745
Marcus Garvey Park Alliance
verdantvisdesign@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Svetlana Opolonina](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:14:31 PM

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Sincerely,
Svetlana Opolonina

[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415-1177
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From: sydneyahodge@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sydney Hodge](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 5, 2026 6:48:00 AM

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Sincerely,
Sydney Hodge

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-6609

From: tallulah.schwartz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tallulah Schwartz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 4:11:18 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11216-5927

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tami Swartz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-4125

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tanisha Allen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10453-7689

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tanya Zlobinsky](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-5000

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tarek Pertew](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-4043
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Taylor James](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11206-4002
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Teresa Garcia](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11228-2225

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Terri Carta](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Rockaway Park, NY 11694-2211
Executive Director, Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Terry Hasan](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-7562

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tess Raser](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11238-5938
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Theo Stewart-Stand](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Thomas Curran](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Thomas Hurtubise](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Thomas Mituzas](#)
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<https://zap.planning.nyc.gov/projects/2025Q0316>

In addition, the Blissville Civic Association would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude to the Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice and representatives from NYC DOT, NYC Parks and NYC DDC who toured the Greenpoint Avenue corridor in Blissville from Borden Avenue to Review Avenue last month for a study on how to localize NYC's Urban Forest Plan along the Greenpoint Avenue corridor in Blissville. A key aim of the project is to assess how adjustments to current siting rules could increase tree canopy coverage along this corridor and inform broader city-wide recommendations. It was a perfect day (90+ degrees) to understand the benefits trees would provide to an area like Blissville that is at the center of NYC Urban Heat Island. We extend our the utmost gratitude to all who visited Blissville.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mituzas

██████████ Long Island City, NY 11101-2002

Secretary, Blissville Civic Association

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From: tomwinner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Thomas Winner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:07:39 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Thomas Winner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-1340
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Thomas Winner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:56:08 AM

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Mr. Thomas Winner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-1340
Treasurer, Cadman Plaza Park Conservancy
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Thomas Wood](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:29:29 PM

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Mr. Thomas Wood
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-3866

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Thyais Brown-Newball](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 6:45:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Thyais Brown-Newball
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-4549

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tim Robson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:36:27 PM

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[REDACTED] Concord, NH 03301-3032

From: toddknopke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [TODD KNOPKE](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:25:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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TODD KNOPKE

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11233-2502

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tom Fox](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:40:26 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Tom Fox

[REDACTED] Breezy Point, NY 11697-1531

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tommy Richards](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:06:25 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Mr Tommy Richards

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11206-6717

No, No

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Toni Ceaser](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:43:32 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Toni Ceaser

[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11106-4304

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tran Jacinto](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 1:49:04 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-4074

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Trevor Lazarus](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:24:11 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11222-1404
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Trish Franzen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:21:04 PM

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[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10302-2319
[REDACTED]

From: [New York City Council](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: Tue, Jun 16 2026 @ 1:00 PM - Committee on Parks and Recreation
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:16:22 AM
Attachments: [Hearing-Transcript-1.pdf](#)

Attendee will be: Testifying in-person

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Attendee name (Zoom name): Scott B Kearney

Attendee email (Zoom account): scottkearney111@gmail.com

Attendee phone number: 7183264878

Hearing: Tue, Jun 16 2026 @ 1:00 PM - Committee on Parks and Recreation

Subject of testimony: New operator for Salt March Nature Center, Capital Projects, costal restore funds Salt Marsh Nature Center. 1.consider, Rfp from a not for profit operator to match the tier 1 ecological education centers like Ally pond Nature Center's 60,000 user and full week activity calendar. Catered fundraising income to support the non-profit personnel can be associated with the selection of the new operators Non-profit. 2.consider, Ecological project for ecological restoration South avenue U with part of the \$11 million funding. Especially since the work can be included with other projects under the property number B57. 3. Lastly, the "drain the swamp" in the 2016 observer remains much as it was. My in 2016, over ten years ago and in 2023 remains the same too. DDC's and DPR's project managers have the solution. Privately, 4 project managers from DDC and DPR decide why DDC's project arn't delayed. A check list can be used by DPR's project manager to request changes from management. Asking Park's admistrators was always going to fail as I testified a decade of wasted playground funding ago. You're welcome to repleate the mistake of your predisesors by asking the Arsenal how to correct Capital Projects and fail another decade with millions of lost new playgrounds. CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Thank you Elba. ELBA SANTIAGO: Thank you. CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Thank you for your work. Thank you to the whole panel. We appreciate it. Okay, next up we have Scott Kearney with the Technical Guild Workers; Dylan House with the Hester Street Collaborative; Jan Lando and Lynn Kennedy with Friends of Astoria Heights Park. Thank you. [Pause] CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Good morning. Do you want to start us off, Scott? SCOTT KEARNEY: Yep. I was just doing a little math here, and I've been with Parks for 30 years, and if you count back the senior people I worked with back 30 years. And you went back a bunch of years, I'm actually directly connected to the WPN [sic] I think. But I've been with Parks for 30 years, and I left my copy of the Daily News and New York Times back here. But we all know what the President has done recently, which we don't like. But my question is how did we get here? What's the difference when I started building parks in 1985 to 1 COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION 75 2 where we are now? The approval process has gone from 3 A, B, C to A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J. Also, now 4 decisions have been decentralized away from the 5 professional staff. Then the professional landscape 6 architects, engineers with whom had this actual and 7 functional knowledge that comes from experience. 8 We're not superseded by new overpaid managers without 9 our experience. Then parks were built by contractors 10 that were knowledgeable about parks. We had more 11 timely, better work for less money. The problems 12 that are shown in the newspapers and the Times didn't 13 happen just now. Giuliani's didn't understand what 14 we did, but much worse, the Bloomberg Administration 15 imposed a private model on public service. What this 16 administration, Commissioner Silver, has inherited 17 can be corrected, and we are your factual resource to 18 do it. 19 By returning the decision making on 20 capital projects to professionals, we can make a 21 promises that capital projects will become more cost22 efficient, and reduce the waste [bell] by 23 anticipating the problems. We recommend reducing 24 outside approvals; return of the seniority system 25 recognized as an invaluable resource; and attracting 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION 76 reliable experience contractors by ensuring they get paid. CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: If you can wrap up, please. SCOTT KEARNEY: Today, Commissioner Silver discussed that his staff has an outreach office. I think that right away that he should use his outreach to go directly to communities and assure them that the problems that are shown in these newspaper articles have been dealt with, and will not repeat again. He also can, with the support of the Mayor's Office, call PDC. I've brought this audit here several times, and spoken with your staff about. Basically, under Bloomberg the advisory capacity move to authority to reject multi-million dollar projects without any formalized procedures. We don't need a tracker to tell us that PDC is doing the job. CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Mr. Kearney for your remarks. Thank you very much, I appreciate it. Mr. House. DYLAN HOUSE: Good morning. Thank you

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Tupper Thomas

Sincerely,
Ms. Tupper Thomas
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11209-3109
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From: Tyroneb61@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tyrone Benson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Redhook needs its parks back from years of stalled renovation under prior administration!

Respectfully,
Taxpayer

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U Mandell
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-3999

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-7245
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Valeria Monturiol](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10010-4713
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Valerie Clark](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-4702

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Valerie Francis](#)
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Member, Friends of Fort Greene Park

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Sincerely,
Ms. Victoria Brush
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-3324

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Victoria Manasia](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] Rockaway Park, NY 11694-1508

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Victoria Munro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:45:25 AM

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Victoria Munro
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10305-2002
Executive Director, Alice Austen House
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Victoria Toro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:02:37 PM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10472-4714
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [VINCENT RIGGINS](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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P.S. Since Borough President Howard Golden set the vision in 1978, I have served as East New York and Central Brooklyn's longest-tenured park volunteer. I know firsthand that we must expand funding for Partnership for Parks and the City Parks Foundation to empower local stewardship. To squeeze the budget of the very organizations that mobilize free community labor to maintain our parks is entirely counterproductive to solving the city's financial challenges.

Sincerely,
VINCENT RIGGINS

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11239-2620
Founding President, BRITE LEADERSHIP COLLABORATION ENY
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Vincent Taccetta](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10011-2460

From: vbenayoun@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Virginia Benayoun](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Virginia Benayoun
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-5853

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Virginia Levie](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:51:15 PM

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But we can only do so much to support our urban canopy and combat our urban heat island and climate change.

We need the City to step up and enable Parks to do the street tree care that has been neglected for decades. It is not enough to just plant trees, they have to be cared for to survive and benefit our urban environment.

Sincerely,
Virginia Levie
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-1125
President, South Midwood Pollinators

virginia.levie@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Virginia Liebowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 7:05:11 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Virginia Liebowitz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-5954

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Virginia Page Fortna](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:26:26 PM

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Virginia Page Fortna
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-7702

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Virginia Papper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Virginia Papper
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5584

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [virginia powers](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:47:57 AM

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virginia powers
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5919

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Wendy Byrne](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
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Sincerely,
Wendy Byrne
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10009-8238

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Wendy Fu](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:05:32 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-2857
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Wendy Seligson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6:16:58 PM

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Ms. Wendy Seligson
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-4612
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Weston Halberstadt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 7:52:23 AM

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[REDACTED] Rego Park, NY 11374-3672
[REDACTED]

From: whitneyannereeder@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Whitney Reeder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:02:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Whitney Reeder

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1557

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [William Fifer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 10:08:43 PM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11231-3767

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [William Henry](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:02:22 AM

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-4055

From: cegg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [William Kerdyk](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 10:24:18 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Miss William Kerdyk
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11207-1228

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [William Shumaker](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:26:12 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-5203

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Winnifred Lee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:21:52 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10032-4614

From: crystals13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [x o](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 8:04:15 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-4242

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yadira Bernal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:28:28 AM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Long Island City, NY 11101-6207

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yasmina Cabrera](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 2:47:17 PM

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[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10460-1059

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yevgeniya Nagorny](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:45:26 AM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-5568
Coordinator, Maple Street Community Garden
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yolanta Jagusiak](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 2:30:59 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11215-6118

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yvonna Russell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 5:12:32 PM

[REDACTED]

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Yvonna Russell
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10036-6302

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [yvonne so](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:07:19 PM

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[REDACTED] New City, NY 10956-3614

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Zachary Herman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 10:49:50 AM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-1858

From: zkaletsch@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Zak Kaletsch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Committee on Finance: FY27 Executive Budget for NYC Parks
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 3:46:18 PM

[REDACTED]

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Dear New York City Council New York City Council Members,

Our city's parks are our lifelines, supporting public health, climate resilience, and quality of life in every neighborhood. We know the City Council values parks, and this year's budget presents a critical opportunity to match that support with meaningful investment.

We appreciate Mayor Mamdani's inclusion of \$15 million in the FY27 Executive Budget to baselining of 161 critical positions.

However, the Executive Budget fails to protect 100 Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers and 15 GreenThumb workers from losing their jobs at the end of the fiscal year. These workers are on one-year contracts and continue to face uncertainty year after year despite performing essential services for New Yorkers.

Over the past three years, NYC Parks has lost more than 600 staffing lines due to budget cuts. This year the Mayor and City Council must make a good-faith effort to rebuild an agency that has endured years of disinvestment and staffing losses, and put NYC on the path of 1% for Parks.

I stand with the Play Fair for Parks Coalition in urging the following actions:

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