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Ms. Romana Ashton Wall
Project Director
People's Parks
215 West 125 Street - Room 633
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Dear Ms. Wall:

I am happy to fully endorse and support the People's Parks Summer '76 Bicentennial Festival.

With youth unemployment at such a chronically high rate in Harlem, this program provides avenues away from the inevitable "forced idleness," boredom and the consequent anti-social conduct of youth who are caught in the web of both poverty and discrimination.

This organized recreational program offers the opportunity for a socialization process that has demonstrated value in building good character, self pride and respect for others.

Please be assured of my continued availability to assist your efforts in any way I can.

Sincerely,


Heyward B. Davenport
Administrator

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