

SAVITT PARTNERS

Via Fax 212-788-7061

June 21, 2012

Ms. Tanisha Edwards

Finance Committee Counsel

Dear Ms. Edwards:

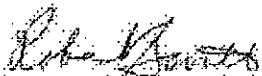
Parks are vital to our communities, public health, and to every New Yorker's way of life. They serve as a city resident's public oasis, outdoor gymnasium, and as class rooms for our children. Parks, one of our most important assets, are in danger.

Since 2008, The Parks Department has experienced a 25 percent decline in full time staff and a 60 percent decrease in Job Training Participants in the Parks Opportunity Program (POP). The impact that this has on the maintenance levels of our parks is overwhelming. I see it every day in Central Park. The quality of our parks is directly tied to the Parks Department's staffing levels and if further cuts are made, New Yorkers will begin to see an impact in their neighborhood parks.

As a supporter of our parks and the founder of Savitt Partners, I am asking for your support in restoring the Parks' Department budget restoration of \$31 million.

Please support your local park by supporting the Parks Departments' budget restoration.

Sincerely,



Robert Savitt