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October 2, 2023

Hon. Eric Adams
Mayor
City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams,

I write to request that the Global Citizen Festival no longer be scheduled in Central Park. The Global Citizen Festival has been held in the park for years, and this year, on September 23, it was full speed ahead despite torrential rain.

The combination of heavy rain, foot traffic, and machinery used for staging destroyed one-third of the Great Lawn. The Central Park Conservancy determined the extent of the damage necessitates immediate closure of the lawn for re-seeding. As a result, 12-acres of public greenspace will be unavailable to New Yorkers until April 2024 or later, all to accommodate a one-day event.

I have never been a fan of the Global Citizen Festival because so little, if any, of the grants are allocated to non-profits in New York City. However, I believe the festival brings in \$2 million to the general fund. I urge you to schedule the Global Citizen Festival in a venue other than Central Park, such as an arena or stadium.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale A. Brewer".

Gale A. Brewer

Cc: Sue Donoghue, Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreation, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065

Betsy Smith, President, Central Park Conservancy, 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022