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To whom it may concern,

I write to express my wholehearted support for the art installation planned for Elizabeth H. Berger Plaza, titled "Al Qalam: Poets in the Park" and sponsored by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and the Washington Street Historical Society. The Washington Street neighborhood, steps away from the park, was the home of a vibrant community of Syrian and Lebanese immigrants in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, a community that has been largely forgotten. This monument, commemorating the writers and poets of that community, will be a fitting memorial to that history and legacy in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Marte".

Christopher Marte  
New York City Council Member