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Jessica Tisch
Commissioner
New York Police Department
1 Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Iris Rodriguez-Rosa
Commissioner
Department of Parks and Recreation
830 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Tisch and Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa,

I write regarding the vehicular blockage of the Central Park bridle path located south of the Reservoir on 86th Street.

My office has received multiple complaints from park users reporting a significant number of NYPD cruisers and scooters, along with DPR and unmarked vehicles, parked on the path. Park users complain that the amount of vehicles is a safety and transparency issue, combined with the resulting deterioration and loss of park area. Last week, my office found a total of 88 vehicles parked along the bridle path, including 24 NYPD vehicles with more that seemed to be arriving, 5 Parks vehicles, and 59 unmarked vehicles.

I am requesting an interagency meeting to resolve this matter so that the number of vehicles on the bridle path is limited and adequate park space is ensured for all users.

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

Sincerely,

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

Gale A. Brewer

cc: Captain Timothy V. Magliente, Commanding Officer, NYPD Central Park Precinct
Tricia Shimamura, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, DPR
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