

## Securing Adequate Funding / Maintenance for Parks

a. Will you work towards securing long term funding for Parks?

Yes No **Freeman-Saulsberre**: I am only for spending existing funds or a specific measure in the budget addressing an issue.

*i. If so, would you consider exploring creative financial models such as Parks Improvement Districts (based on the BID model), tax increment financing (TIF), zoning benefits and public private partnerships to supplement maintenance and operating costs?*

b. Would you support dedicating revenue earned through park concessions to parks maintenance and operations?

Yes No **Freeman-Saulsberre**: I am only for revising the way current funds are spent

*i. If so, would you also support revising the Major Concessions Rules to include all significant private uses on public property (including parks) to community/borough review?*

Yes No **Freeman-Saulsberre**: I am only for allowing private use to continue

c. Will you support establishing the tracking of spending and staffing on a park by park basis?

Yes No : **Freeman-Saulsberre**: Yes

d. When a capital project is not fully funded will you support diversifying funding sources to ensure their completion? What would those sources be?

Yes No **Freeman-Saulsberre**: Public property is Public property. If someone wants to make a donation...that's ok

e. What specific actions would you take to ensure that every park in every neighborhood has properly working facilities such as ball-fields, educational facilities, restrooms, etc? The parks committee would have to be held accountable

*i. Will you support a "fix it first" policy for funding capital projects, so that resources are allocated to existing projects in need of repair? **Freeman-Saulsberre** I may it depends upon the details.*

Yes No

f. Will you support adequate staffing and funding to ensure that new and existing parks stay in a "state of good repair"?

Yes No **Freeman-Saulsberre** yes

*i. What funding/programs would you use to increase the full-time parks maintenance staff?*

*ii. What can be done to improve the baseline services, or maintenance of effort, in our parks to ensure that partnerships*

*don't need to replace poor, existing services or neglected services such as bench and fountain repairs?*

*iii. How would you fund the unique maintenance costs of waterfront parks (e.g. access, bulkheads, and piers)?*

g. Will you support park ratings by borough and community board in addition to the citywide level in the Mayor's Management Report?

Yes No

h. Will you support making the official Parks Department "property list" – that specifically delineates all 1,700 properties – available online?

Yes No

### **Protecting Parkland**

a. Will you support more laws that require public notification and input when a park will be used for non-park purposes, to afford parks the protection they need from development or use by other agencies?

Yes No

*i. How would you require that professional sports organizations assist in maintaining and operating public parks near their facilities?*

a. Will you work toward creating, with significant community involvement, a comprehensive citywide master plan for parks and open spaces that will guide the overall acquisition, restoration, improvement, and maintenance of parks, natural areas, playgrounds and athletic facilities in the five boroughs?

Yes No Freeman-Saulsberre : this is too general of a question

*i. What is your vision for some of the new parks?*

*Freeman-Saulsberre: My vision is to increase the amount of greenery that is urban playgrounds and, to introduce more trees to park areas that don't have a sufficient amount.*

*ii. How would you develop it?*

*Freeman- Saulsberre: I would redistribute existing park finances*

b. Will you support extending Resolution No. 1033 which calls for the continued protection of community gardens and the rights of the community and gardeners?

Yes No Freeman-Saulsberre I most likely would

c. What specific actions would you take to revitalize the recreational and amateur sports programs that have been decreased by this year's budget cuts?

Freeman-Saulsberre: I would be inclined to say that atleast 15% of the budget is mismanaged and thier is waste which needs to be addressed.

d. What specific actions would you take to enable a much higher level of collaboration among the Parks Dept. and other city agencies on issues such as stormwater management, greenways, and economic development projects?

Freeman-Saulsberre: Most likely a mechanism already exist I would not advocate a creation of a new entity

e. How will you ensure that public spaces created as amenities/mitigation for large scale economic development projects such as Atlantic Yards, Hudson Yards, and Manhattanville are truly open to the public?

*i. Do you support mapping such public spaces as parkland?*

Yes No Freeman-Saulsberre: I would have to review it's status and see if in fact it is parkland if so, then yes I would be in support.