

Parks

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Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I have written to the Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mr. Adrian Benepe expressing my concern that the admission fees to the Central Park Zoo are too high and not affordable to a large number of marginal and low income families in this city. While education is of major importance to your administration the fact is that the zoo experience, a major education component is being denied to thousands of children.

If a direct reduction in the admission price is not possible I have suggested that the central park zoo adopt the policy of the Wild Life Conservation Society which allows visitors free admission to the Bronx Zoo one day a week and at the New York Aquarium there is no charge every friday after 3 P.M. These innovative admission policies should be implemented at the central park zoo. It would make the facility more inclusive for disadvantaged families who otherwise are discouraged from utilizing this very worthwhile educational attraction.

My letters to Commissioner Benepe have never been responded to since I wrote to him several weeks ago.

I appreciate your attention herein and early response.

Sincerely,

B. Wallace Cheatham

