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# Central Park Dance Skaters Association

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## ***Important!!***

There are a few who believe that the CPDSA has done too little to get back our music and feel that now is the time to bring out a sound system or protest against what is considered an injustice in some other way.

On the back of this sheet, we have included a letter sent from **Ruth Messinger**, the Manhattan Borough President, to **Henry Stern**, the Parks Commissioner.

Based on correspondence like these, *and every other aspect of our negotiations*, the CPDSA has reason to be optimistic that a mutually agreeable settlement will be reached during the next several weeks!

The CPDSA is seeking a long term, permanent solution to the current problems and has taken the stance that it is better to wait a little longer and do it right. Isn't it better to be cautious, than to rush in and either "blow it" at the last minute?

Those working to solve the current difficulties have spent hundreds of hours behind the scenes talking with officials, attending community/city meetings, meeting with the press, etc.

We must ask everyone from refraining from doing anything that will jeopardize the chances of success, in what appears to be the final stretch.

--The Editor

## **A Call to Skaters**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you - the hundreds of concerned skaters who have skated with us in the Skater Circle in better, happier and freer times and who have expressed an interest in joining the CPDSA in order to do what is necessary to regain our music.

We share your outrage and sense of loss and have been working very hard to right this injustice. We have been successful in enlisting the support of local politicians and community groups. We have also come up with an interim solution to supply music to our group so that we can continue to skate in harmony to the same music. A transmitter now broadcasts our tapes on the lowest FM band and our skaters can boogie together to the best by tuning in their headsets to our own FM radio channel!

Endlessly we hear -- "What can we do to help?" from our skaters who long to be part of the solution. There really is something all of us can do and it's not even a chore - it is what we all want to do in the final analysis - and *it is what we must do - Now!* Come out and skate with us on Skaters Road - bring your FM radio headset, tune in to our station and dance and skate and dance on your skates. We need our skaters out there to demonstrate that we will not go away -- that regardless of what restrictions and prohibitions are placed upon us, we will persevere.

In the early weeks of the music ban there was very little drop off in our numbers and the spectators still flocked to watch us do our thing. To succeed, we must have your support and most especially, your physical presence.

If depriving us of our music causes us to lose interest and we stop coming to the "Circle" in any meaningful numbers, we may cease to attract our usually devoted onlookers - let us not lose this fight through apathy!

If you want our efforts to be successful - if you want to have our music back - if our quality of life is important to you - skate and be counted. Only you can make the difference. We must fill "Skaters Road" with vibrant activity - with life -- we can succeed with your help.

-- Lezley Ziering

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**Please be kind. Don't Litter!**