

# **INCLUDE YOURSELF IN THE SHAPING OF LIBERTY PARK'S FUTURE**

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**LIBERTY PARK BELONGS TO EVERYONE. NOT JUST THE RESIDENTS OF JERSEY CITY WHERE THE SPACIOUS PARK CURVES GENTLY AROUND THE HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT, OR TO THE CITIZENS OF HUDSON COUNTY AND NEW JERSEY. BUT TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO GO THERE TO STROLL, SIT, PICNIC, PLAY BALL, TOSS FRISBEES OR SIMPLY TAKE IN THE SWEEPING SKYLINE OF MANHATTAN AND THE INSPIRING SIGHT OF MISS. LIBERTY.**

**LIBERTY PARK IS UNIQUE AS A PLACE AND A TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A NATURAL AND VIBRANT BACKDROP TO THE GATEWAY TO AMERICA. ITS GREEN OPEN SPACES AND COLORFUL FLAGS UNFURLING IN THE HARBOR BREEZES ARE A WELCOME RELIEF FROM THE GRAY MONOTONY OF A MEGALOPOLIS SPILLING OUT FROM LONG ISLAND TO THE JERSEY SHORE.**

**THERE CAN BE NO GREATER TRIBUTE TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRANT CENTER -- THE SISTER NATIONAL MONUMENTS SYMBOLIZING AMERICA'S FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE -- THAN HAVING A PRISTINE PANORAMIC PARK AS THEIR BACKGROUND NEIGHBOR.**

**IT IS A SPECIAL GIFT FROM THE PEOPLE TO THE PEOPLE. IT IS NOT A LOCAL PARK, A STATE PARK, OR A FEDERAL PARK, BUT AN OPEN COMMONS FOR ALL TO SHARE -- AND CARE FOR.**