



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan
Washington Heights & Inwood**

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

January 28, 2014

Hon. Veronica M. White
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation
The Arsenal
830 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner White :

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12-Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (34)In favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain, that the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation plan to renovate Fort Tryon Park's Staircase #50.

- Whereas:** The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and representatives of Quennell Rothschild & Partners came before Community Board 12, Manhattan (CB12M)'s Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee on January 7th to present a plan to renovate Fort Tryon Park's Staircase #50; and
- Whereas:** Then-Borough President Scott Stringer allocated \$1.35 million for this project; and
- Whereas:** Fort Tryon Park is triply landmarked, by the City, State and Federal governments, and does not lie in a flood zone; and
- Whereas:** The Olmsted Brothers' original design sought to emphasize the Park's rough topography, including the additional of many staircases to ascend the steep traverse from the Broadway and Riverside Drive sides to the higher elevations near Fort Washington Avenue, but many of them have degraded considerably over time, including Staircase #50, which is hazardous and has been closed for 4 years; and,
- Whereas:** The staircase's original features included bluestone treads and risers, asphalt landings, bluestone landing pavers; the concrete curb with steel railing is likely not original. Virtually everything will be removed; those parts that are salvageable will be reused. New stones will be matched to the original materials; and
- Whereas:** The concrete-and-steel railing will be removed, and replaced with a new steel handrail on the western side that is appropriate (similar to what is used elsewhere in the park) so as to maintain openness and honor the original design while also improving visitor experience; and

Whereas: There was considerable discussion about the railing, related accessibility issues, and whether railings on both sides or in the center would increase utility; and

Whereas: New plantings will help to open up site-lines, and will be consistent with the spirit of the original plan, though not using invasive species that were used in the original plan, but emphasizing native plantings, including evergreens and perennials, within the original palette, and dead or dying trees will be removed and replaced according to NYC regulations and NYC DPR guidelines; now therefore be it

Resolved: That that CB12M endorses the DPR's proposed project to renovate Fort Tryon Park's Staircase #50 as presented, notwithstanding reservations about the railing(s) design; and be it further

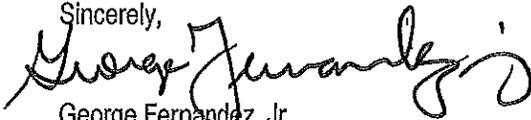
Resolved: That CB12M requests that the DPR re-evaluate, in the context of overall design and cost, the placement of a second rail on the eastern side of the staircase, or a single central railing in lieu of the single western railing, so as to maximize utility for those ascending and descending the stairs, and to enable those who may be weaker on one side of the body to avail themselves of a rail if needed; and be it further

Resolved: That the DPR consider planting of additional mosses and lichens to supplement that which will grow naturally so as to enrich the soil and control erosion; and be it further.

Resolved: That the DPR install additional way-finding signage at the top and base of the stairs to make clear the non-stair alternatives.

Thank you for your continued support and a favorable consideration to our resolution.

Sincerely,



George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Leitia James, Public Advocate
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
Hon. Gabriela Rosa, Assembly Member
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. William T. Castro, Borough Commissioner, DPR
Jennifer Hoppa, Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator



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Hon. Thomas F. Prendergast
Chairman & CEO
NYCT/MTA
2 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10004

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (37) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain, supporting NYCT/ Metropolitan Transit Authority's plan to reroute the M100 bus to provide needed service along Dyckman Street and 10th Avenue where there presently is none.

Whereas, New York City Transit/MTA presented their plan to reroute the M100 along Dyckman Street and 10th Avenue; and

Whereas; The M100 presently runs from East Harlem (East 125th Street & 1st Avenue) to Inwood (West 220th St & Broadway); and

Whereas; There is a serious deficit of east west bus service north of Dyckman Street with only Bx12 SBS heading to and from the Bronx; and

Whereas: the new route will provide much needed bus service to the Dyckman Houses and to the elevator to the southbound platform of the Dyckman Street #1 train station; and

Whereas: the new route would still end at 220th Street but between Dyckman and 220th Street it will travel on Dyckman Street and 10th Avenue; and

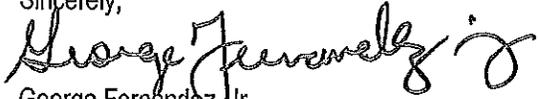
Whereas; Northbound, the new route would travel north on Broadway, east on Dyckman Street, and north on 10th Avenue ending at West 220 Street; and

Whereas: Southbound, the bus will turn around onto 9th Avenue to 215th Street, turn west on 215th Street to 10th Avenue to Nagle Avenue; east on 204th Street to 10th Avenue to Dyckman Street, then west on Dyckman Street to Broadway to resume the old route; and

Therefore; CB12M's Traffic and Transportation strongly support NYCT/MTA's plan to reroute the M100 bus to provide needed service along Dyckman Street and 10th Avenue where there presently is none.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look for a favorable response to our request.

Sincerely,



George Fernandez Jr.
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
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Hon. Leitia James, Public Advocate
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman
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Deirdre Parker - NYCT Liaison



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January 29, 2014

Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
55 Water Street 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10041

Hon. Margaret Forgiione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner's Trottenberg & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (35) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (2) Abstain, NYC Department of Transportation will install two temporary pedestrian crosswalks on the construction site at 104 Haven Avenue on the north and south side of 169th and 171st Streets.

Whereas: Construction of the new medical and graduate education building for CUMC is underway at 104 Haven avenue; and

Whereas: The west side sidewalk is closed during construction to pedestrians, however many continue to cross the street in an unsafe manner in order to avoid the closed sidewalk, making the area adjacent to the construction unsafe to pedestrians and vehicles traversing the block; and

Whereas: Currently the designated crosswalks are farther to the north or south of the site and many pedestrians do not make the effort to walk to those corners in order to cross the street safely; and

Whereas: CUMC suggests remedying this problem by installing two temporary pedestrian crosswalks during construction at the north and south side of the construction site – at 169th Street and 171st Street; and

Whereas: These crosswalks also would provide ADA compliant curb cuts, approved DOT pedestrian and vehicular signage, street marked pedestrian walkways and additional area lighting; and

Whereas: These improvements will increase the safety of pedestrians and vehicles alike in the area and therefore avoid any potential accidents; now therefore be it

Resolved: CB12M supports the installment of two temporary crosswalks on the north and south side of the construction site at 104 Haven Avenue, and be it further

Resolved: If DOT deems it more appropriate to install the south crosswalk at 170th Street, closer to the construction site, as opposed to 169th Street then it should be placed there.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look for a favorable response to our request.

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

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Hon. Dennis Rosen
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Yudyt Rest. Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (29) In Favor, (7) Opposed, (2) Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a new Restaurant Wine License to Yudyt Restaurant Inc., located at 1626 Saint Nicholas Avenue between West 191st and 192nd Streets.

Whereas, Yudyt Restaurant Inc., located at 1626 Saint Nicholas Avenue between West 191st and 192nd Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a new State Liquor Authority Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on January 15, 2014 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments regarding this business;

Therefore **Be It Resolved**, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to this application.

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
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80 South Swan Street
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Re: Las Palmas Rest. Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

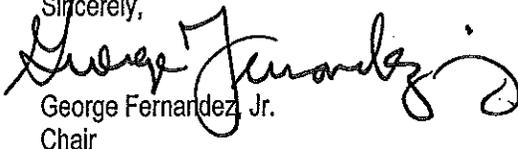
At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (34)In Favor, (4)Opposed, (0)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a new Restaurant Wine License to Las Palmas Restaurant Inc., located at 3891 Broadway at the corner of West 163rd Street.

Whereas, Las Palmas Restaurant Inc., located at 3891 Broadway at the corner of West 163rd Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a new State Liquor Authority Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on January 15, 2014 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments regarding this business;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to this application.

Sincerely,



George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: 565 West Side Cafe Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (34)In Favor, (4)Opposed, (0)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a new On-Premise Liquor License to 565 West Side Cafe Corp., located at 565 West 207th Street between Sherman and Vermilyea Avenues.

Whereas, 565 West Side Cafe Corp., located at 565 West 207th Street between Sherman and Vermilyea Avenues, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for an On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on January 15, 2014 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments about this business;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to this application.

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

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Re: Marisco Caribeno Inc. dba Marisco Centro

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (29)In Favor, (9)Opposed, (0)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a new On-Premise Liquor License to Marisco Caribefio Inc., doing business as Marisco Centro, located at 1490 Saint Nicholas Avenue at the corner of West 185th Street.

Whereas, Marisco Caribefio Inc., doing business as Marisco Centro, located at 1490 Saint Nicholas Avenue at the corner of West 185th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for an On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on January 15, 2014 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments about this business;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to this application.

Sincerely,

George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

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Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

**Re: Trustees of Columbia University
The Faculty Club**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (38)In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to Trustees of Columbia University, doing business as The Faculty Club, located at 630 West 168th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenues.

Whereas, Trustees of Columbia University, doing business as The Faculty Club, located at 630 West 168th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenues, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for an On Premise Liquor License Renewal; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on January 15, 2014 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, did not hear any negative comments regarding this establishment;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License.

Sincerely,

George Fernandez Jr.

Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Kiara Foods Inc. dba Manolo Tapas

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (38)In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to Kiara Foods Inc., dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant, located at 4165-4169 Broadway between West 176th and West 177th Streets.

Whereas, Kiara Foods Inc., doing business as Manolo Tapas Restaurant, located at 4165-4169 Broadway between West 176th and West 177th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for an On Premise Liquor License Renewal; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on January 15, 2014 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard a single negative comment regarding noise from this business; and

Whereas, the owner of the business has addressed the noise issue by installing soundproofing in the establishment; and

Whereas, the 33rd Precinct does not object to the renewal of this license;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Fernandez Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

George Fernandez Jr.
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
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Re: Merlion Specialty Foods Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37)In Favor, (1)Opposed, (0)Abstain, recommending that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a new On-Premise Liquor License to Merlion Specialty Foods Inc., located at 813 West 187th Street between Fort Washington Avenue and Cabrini Boulevard.

Whereas, Merlion Specialty Foods Inc., located at 813 West 187th Street between Fort Washington Avenue and Cabrini Boulevard, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for an On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on January 15, 2014 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments about this business;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to this application.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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