



## Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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May 29, 2015

Honorable Margaret Forgione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (29) In favor (6) Not opposed (1) Abstain supporting the street co-naming the North West corner of West 172<sup>nd</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue, adjacent to EMS Station 13, to be designated as EMT Luis Depena Jr. Square.

Whereas, EMT Luis Depena started his career with the NYFD emergency medical service on March 11<sup>th</sup> 1996, mainly serving in the south Bronx; and

Whereas, on the fateful day of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 and the following months after, EMT Depena selflessly worked numerous hours at the World Trade Center site, assisting in the rescue efforts to recover victims of the terrorist attack; and

Whereas, on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2002, EMT Depena transferred to EMS Station 13, than located at Harlem Hospital, assigned to an area that included Washington Heights and Inwood, an area in which he continued to serve for more than 11 years; and

Whereas, EMT Depena relocated to the current EMS Station 13 in December 2012, within Washington Heights, a community that he knew and loved; and

Whereas, EMT Depena was known to invite neighborhood children to the Station 13 barbeques and devoted himself to the residents of Washington Heights and Inwood; and

Whereas, on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2013, EMT Depena succumbed to World Trade Center related cancer, a man known for striving to provide optimal emergency medical care to the members of our community; now therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan supports the street co naming of the North West corner of West 172<sup>nd</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue, adjacent to EMS Station 13, to be designated as EMT Luis Depena Jr. Square.

Sincerely,

George Fernandez, Jr.  
Chairman - CB12 M

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller  
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman  
Josh Orzeck - DOT Liaison

Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator  
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator  
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
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Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member