



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr., Chairman
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Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (34)In Favor (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain that Community Board 12M supporting the application from the Trustees of Columbia University for a new revocable consent to install, maintain and use sidewalk planters on the south-side of 168th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue.

Whereas, The Trustees of Columbia University would like to enhance the streetscape of the south-side of 168th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue by installing 13 planters throughout this street. These planters are each 3 feet wide, 3 feet tall, and 6 feet long, and will not obstruct nor divert the flow of pedestrian traffic, and

Whereas, the boxes of the planters will be of similar color to that of the concrete, and,

Whereas, the Land Use Committee has already approved the sidewalk plan of replacing unlevelled and broken concrete slabs, and also the addition of paver stones on the first 5 feet coming off the curb, and,

Whereas, the installations of the planters will take about one week, and the sidewalk project will take about 6 to 8 weeks to complete, and,

Whereas, the University will finish the project before the winter, therefore,

Be it resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan approves the application on new revocable consent to install, maintain and use sidewalk planters on the south-side of 168th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue.

Sincerely,

George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

- c: 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
- Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member

- Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator
- Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
- Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
- Hon. Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member
- Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
- Margaret Forgione, Man. Boro Commissioner - DOT