



Community Board 12 - Manhatta Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

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 (26) In favor (1)Not opposed (3)Abstain supporting the street co-naming at the Northwest corner of 155th Street at Riverside Drive West for David Norman Dinkins.

Whereas, The River Terrace cooperative was home to the Dinkins family for more than 25 years and the Dinkins children grew up there; and

Whereas, More than 550 local residents signed a petition requesting the co-naming of the northwest corner of West 155th Street and Riverside Drive West for David Norman Dinkins; and

Whereas, Mr. Dinkins began his public service career in 1964 as a Democratic Party District Leader and was a member of the New York State Assembly and a founding member of its Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus. He was also President of the New York City Board of Elections and served as City Clerk for ten years prior to his election as Manhattan Borough President in 1985. In 1989 he was elected Mayor as the first and only African-American to hold this office; and

Whereas, Mr. Dinkins instituted many significant programs and positive changes during his term as Mayor, such as "Safe Streets, Safe City: Cops and Kids," Beacon Schools, a neighborhood-based network of primary care health clinics and the relocation of the annual U.S. Open tennis tournament to a new stadium in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park; and

Whereas, Mr. Dinkins is currently a Professor of Public Affairs at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and serves on its advisory board. He also serves on the board of several not-for profit and charitable organizations; and

Whereas, Honorary street co-namings are normally reserved for people who are deceased, but exceptions have been made, and the case for David Dinkins is particularly strong because of his historical role as the city's first African-American Mayor; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the co-naming of the northwest corner of West 155th Street and Riverside Drive West for David Norman Dinkins.

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
Josh Orzeck - DOT Liaison

Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
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June 1, 2015

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, May 26, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (28)Favor (2)Opposed (0)Abstain (1)supporting the NYC Department of Transportation proposed changes to the Sherman Avenue corridor between Broadway and 10th Avenue and to the Broadway and Sherman Avenue intersection.

Whereas, the scheduled repaving of Sherman Avenue this summer provides an opportunity for DoT to improve road configuration, such as incorporating bicycle lanes and improve the safety of all road users, is in compliance with Vision Zero; and

Whereas, CB12 Manhattan requested in 2012 from the DoT a network of bike routes, of which implementation of such approved bike routes began in 2014; and

Whereas, presently Sherman Avenue has 60' wide corridors with long crossings with no dedicated space for cyclists, and shared through/left turn lane causes unpredictable maneuvers; and

Whereas, Community residents expressed frustration over having to wait a couple of traffic light signals before crossing the Broadway and Sherman Ave. intersections due to motor vehicles turning left onto Broadway; and

Whereas, traffic on Broadway and Sherman Avenue intersection are often congested for many blocks due to traffic trying to make a left turn either onto Broadway or Sherman Avenue and from traffic making a right turn on to Sherman Avenue from northbound Broadway because of motor vehicles coming from Ellwood Street; and

Whereas, the years between 2009 through 2013 the intersections of Sherman Avenue and Dyckman, and Sherman Avenue and Academy ranked in the top 10% of most dangerous intersections in all of Manhattan. In these two intersections combined there were 67 injuries, 5 of which were severe injuries, reported either by pedestrians, bicyclist, or motor vehicle occupants.

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(Table and figures below provided by DoT.) Sherman Ave – Broadway to 10th Ave, MN
Injury Summary, 2009 – 2013 (5 Years)

	Total Injuries	Severe Injuries	Fatalities	KSI
Pedestrian	51	2	2	4
Bicyclist	10	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Occupant	138	4	0	4
Total	199	7	2	9

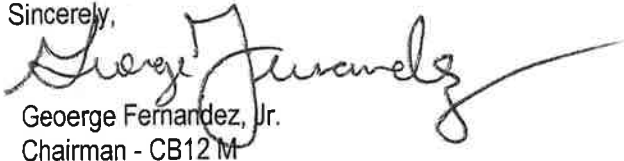
KSI = Killed/Severely Injured

Whereas, the proposed configuration of Sherman Avenue corridor, which includes adding a bike lane (5'), a parking lane (9'), a painted median/left turn lane (10'), and a straight through traffic lane (11') in each north/south direction of Sherman Avenue, has proven to reduce crashes/injuries by at least 40%; and

Whereas, the proposed configuration for the Sherman Avenue and Broadway intersection, which involves reversing the traffic direction of Ellwood Street between Nagle and Sherman Avenues, closing the right turn slip lane from Broadway onto Sherman Avenue with a sidewalk, and expanding the already existing northern island, will provide a more direct and shorter pedestrian path, clarify vehicular movements, and increase the safety for all users; now therefore be it

Resolved, CB12, M supports DoT's proposed changes to the Sherman Avenue corridor between Broadway and 10th Avenue and to the Broadway and Sherman Avenue intersection.

Sincerely,



George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

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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 172nd 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 11th 1996, mainly serving in the south Bronx; and

Whereas, on the fateful day of September 11th 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 9th 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 7th 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 172nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, adjacent to EMS Station 13, to be designated as EMT Luis Depena Jr. Square.

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Whereas, Fire Fighter John P. Sullivan served for 27 years for Fire House Engine 84 & Ladder 34 at 513 W 161st Street, and

Whereas, FF Delaney gave a presentation of Sullivan's life and what he meant to the firehouse; and

Whereas, FF Sullivan contributed considerably to community service, participating in community gardens and feeding the elderly; and

Whereas, FF Sullivan was a responder on 9/11 and did the recovery work at Ground Zero and died of cancer on December 24, 2010; now therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan supports the Co-Naming at the North West Corner of 161st Street and Amsterdam Avenue for Fire Fighter John P. Sullivan.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Fernandez, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M