



## Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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Feb. 2, 2015

Hon. Mitchell Silver  
Commissioner  
NYC Parks & Recreation  
The Arsenal - 830 5th Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Silver:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (25) In Favor, (2) Opposed, (1) Abstain, supporting and requesting that Girl Scout Troop 3210 and CAW provide a plan for maintaining and sustaining the proposed mural, including paint-overs to remediate graffiti.

Whereas: Girl Scout Troop 3210 and Creative Art Works Partnership (CAW) presented a proposal at the November 3rd meeting of the Community Board 12, Manhattan (CB12M)'s Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, after having also made a preliminary presentation at the March 4th Committee meeting, to design and paint a mural on the wall of a privately owned residential building at 4986 Broadway adjoining a small grassy knoll at the entrance of Isham Park and its southern edge on Broadway; and

Whereas: This wall is regularly covered with graffiti, and members of Girl Scout Troop 3210 expressed a desire to create a large-scale public art project by and for the community; and

Whereas: CAW will be an active partner in this project and brings some 28 years of experience creating public art works and hires applicants from the Summer Youth employment Program (SYEP) to do their projects; and

Whereas: The owner of the building has written to Community Board 12 to inform the community that Girl Scout Troop 3210 and CAW have received permission to undertake this project; and

Whereas: The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation requires evidence of community support in order to allow access through the Park to the building's wall, and would like a plan in place for sustaining the project; and

Whereas: CAW will need to work with others to access the wall's structure and integrity, complete the design and start work during in July, at which point the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee will not have an opportunity to review the final design before the start of CB12M's summer recess period; now therefore be it

Resolved: that CB12M supporting the proposed project in concept; and be it further

Resolved: that CB12M requests that Girl Scout Troop 3210 and CAW provide a plan for maintaining and sustaining the proposed mural, including paint-overs to remediate graffiti; and be it further

Resolved: that CB12M reserves the right to comment at a future time on the project.

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

Sincerely,



George Fernandez, Jr.

Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller  
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman

Hon. Adriano Espaillat, NY State Senator  
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
Hon. Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member  
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member  
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member