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March 30, 2015

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

Dr. Feniosky Pena-Mora
Commissioner
NYC Department of Design & Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
LIC, NY 11101

Dear Commissioners Trottenberg & Pena-Mora:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (28)Favor (0)Opposed (0)Abstain supporting the proposed second phase of upgrading the NYPH/CUMC streetscape.

Whereas: New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) and Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) jointly play a central role in the Washington Heights and general NYC community as a healthcare provider and educational center; and

Whereas: NYPH and CUMC would like to provide a more attractive streetscape and sidewalk presentation for community residents and visitors to the area; and

Whereas: NYPH and CUMC have worked together with DOT and DDC in order to create a proposal for ways to enhance the beautification of the area and in addition to provide greater safety for pedestrians; and

Whereas: CUMC presented an initial "Phase #1" in September 2014 for the upgrade to the streetscape which begins near the 168th Street subway station, referred to as the "gateway" to the campus; and

Whereas: NYPH presented "Phase #2" this month with sidewalk improvements on Ft. Washington Ave. between W165th St. and W168th St.

Whereas: Elements of the upgrade include planters, enhanced curbs, additional trees and benches; now therefore be it

Resolved: CB12M supports the proposed second phase of upgrading the NYPH/CUMC streetscape.

Sincerely,

E. Smith

Geoerge Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

c: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
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Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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