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Hon. Donna M. Corrado, Ph D
Commissioner
Department For The Aging
2 Lafayette Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Corrado:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed a resolution with a vote of (31) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain requesting that the City of New York and the elected officials facilitate the extension of the lease of ARC XVI Fort Washington Inc. and ARC Fort Washington Senior Center until another suitable location is found and constructed and to allocated the funding for the renovation, relocation and increased rental costs of the ARC Fort Washington Senior Center and Services.

Whereas: ARC XVI Fort Washington Inc. and ARC Fort Washington Senior Center have served over 5,000 seniors between the ages of 55 and 104, comprising the large and diverse elderly population of Washington Heights and Inwood through a range of indispensable services for 43 years, since 1973; and

Whereas: The 150 hot congregate meals served daily by ARC XVI Fort Washington Senior Center bring nutrition and comfort to over 3,900 seniors in Community Board 12 daily; and

Whereas: ARC XVI also provides 3,500 hours of casework services; Social Adult day care services; health and wellness programs; health management; arts and cultural activities; nutrition education; technology programs and education; and

Whereas: Through these and other efforts, ARC XVI has offset the limitations of age and disability with the power of love and community, enabling thousands of elderly New Yorkers to live in dignity and with self-sufficiency;

Whereas: ARC XVI Fort Washington operates essential transportation in a neighborhood where walking is often difficult or impossible for the disabled and elderly, co-located with the ARC Fort Washington Senior Center; and

Whereas: ARC XVI Fort Washington Inc. needs to properly plan for business; and

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Whereas: Their current landlord, Christ Church United Methodist, has stated that they are not interested in continuing to lease to ARC XVI Fort Washington, Inc. after the current lease ends on December 31, 2016;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of New York and the elected officials facilitate the extension of the lease until another suitable location is found and constructed;

And therefore be it further resolved that the City of New York and elected officials facilitate the funding for the renovation, relocation and increased rental costs of the ARC Fort Washington Senior Center and Services to a permanent home within a ten square blocks from the current location at 4111 Broadway.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
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