



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan
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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 24, 2012

Hon. Dennis Rosen
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: La Estufa Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (5) Opposed, (3) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a renewal Restaurant Wine License to La Estufa Inc. located at 5025-5035 Broadway corner of W. 214th Street.

Whereas, La Estufa Inc. located at 5025-5035 Broadway, at the corner of W. 214th St., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about La Estufa Inc.; and

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for La Estufa Inc **IF** the establishment makes the necessary alterations to make their front entrance wheelchair accessible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela P. North', is written over a horizontal line.

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Wine & Social

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (35) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (3) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **not** grant a new On-Premise Liquor License to Wine & Social located at 5025 Broadway at the corner of W. 214th St.

Whereas, Wine & Social located at 5025 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 214th St.), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, about Wine & Social; and

Whereas, the 34th Police Precinct representative reserved his recommendation on application until he reviews the floor plans and has a walkthrough of the establishment; and

Whereas, two members of the public spoke in favor of Wine & Social; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers an **Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the On Premise Liquor License for Wine & Social.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: 1559 St. Nicholas Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (36) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **not** grant 1559 St. Nicholas Corp. an application for a Corporate Change located at 1559 St. Nicholas corner of W. 188th St.

Whereas, 1559 St. Nicholas Corp. located at 1559 St. Nicholas Avenue, at the corner of W. 188th St., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a Corporate Change; and

Whereas, it is committee protocol to provide a negative vote for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers an **Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a Corporate Change for 1559 St. Nicholas Corp.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: Aero Lounge

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (26) In Favor, (9) Opposed, (4) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a new On-Premise Liquor License to Aero Lounge NYC LLC located at 3847 10th Avenue.

Whereas, Aero Lounge NYC LLC, located at 3847 10th Avenue, at the corner of W. 206th St., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Aero Lounge NYC LLC.; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On Premise Liquor License for Aero Lounge NYC LLC.

Sincerely,


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Re: AKV Restaurant Corp. dba Inwood Local Wine & Beer Garden

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (32) In Favor, (4) Opposed, (3) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a renewal for a Restaurant Wine License to AKV Restaurant Corp. dba Inwood Local Wine & Beer Garden located at 4957 Broadway between W. 207th & Isham Sts.

Whereas, AKV Restaurant Corp. dba Inwood Local Wine & Beer Garden located at 4957 Broadway, between W. 207th & Isham Sts., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal of a Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about AKV Restaurant Corp. dba Inwood Local Wine & Beer Garden; and

Whereas, the 34th Police Precinct representative stated that there has been a significant reduction in noise complaints for AKV Restaurant Corp. dba Inwood Local Wine & Beer Garden; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for AKV Restaurant Corp. dba Inwood Local Wine & Beer Garden **IF** the establishment closes its outdoor seating at 12 am between Sundays and Wednesdays and at 2 am between Thursdays and Saturdays.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
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Re: Cypress Specialty Foods Inc. dba Healthy Habits

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (36) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant the renewal of an On-Premise Liquor License to Cypress Specialty Foods, Inc. dba Healthy Habits located at 813-815 W. 187th Street.

Whereas, Cypress Specialty Foods Inc. dba Healthy Habits located at 813-815 W. 187th Street, between Cabrini Blvd. & Ft. Washington Ave., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal of an On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Cypress Specialty Foods Inc. dba Healthy Habits; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License for Cypress Specialty Foods Inc. dba Healthy Habits.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
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Re: Marisco Centro Restaurant Inc. dba Marisco Centro

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (35) In Favor, (2) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant the renewal of an On-Premise Liquor License to Marisco Centro Restaurant Inc. dba Marisco Centro located at 1490 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of W. 185th St.

Whereas, Marisco Centro Restaurant Inc. dba Marisco Centro located at 1490 St. Nicholas Avenue, at the corner of W. 185th St., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal of an On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Marisco Centro Restaurant Inc. dba Marisco Centro; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License for Marisco Centro Restaurant Inc. dba Marisco Centro.

Sincerely,

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Re: MI Paso Centroamericano Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (35) In Favor, (2) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a new Restaurant wine License to Mi Paso Centroamericano Corp. located at 4129 Broadway between W. 174th & W. 175th Sts.

Whereas, Mi Paso Centroamericano Corp. located at 4129 Broadway, (bet. W. 174th & 175th Sts.), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Mi Paso Centroamericano Corp.; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for Mi Paso Centroamericano Corp.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: Niscaury Restaurant Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **not grant** a renewal of its Eating Place Beer License to Niscaury Restaurant Corp. located at 284 Audubon Avenue corner of W. 179th St.

Whereas, Niscaury Restaurant Corp. located at 284 Audubon Avenue, at the corner of W. 179th St., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal of an Eating Beer License; and

Whereas, it is committee protocol to provide a negative vote for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Economic Development Committee meeting; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers an **Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Eating Beer License for Niscaury Restaurant Corp.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: Pipers Kilt of Inwood dba Pipers Kilt of Inwood

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (33) In Favor, (3) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of an On-Premise Liquor License to Pipers Kilt of Inwood dba Pipers Kilt of Inwood located at 4946 Broadway (cr of W. 207th St.)

Whereas, Pipers Kilt of Inwood dba Pipers Kilt of Inwood located at 4946 Broadway corner of W. 207th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal of an On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Pipers Kilt of Inwood dba Pipers Kilt of Inwood; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License for Pipers Kilt of Inwood dba Pipers Kilt of Inwood.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

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Re: Danny F. Donuts Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **not** grant a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to Danny F. Donuts Corp. located at 3868 10th Avenue (at the corner of W. 207th St.).

Whereas, Danny F. Donuts Corp. located at 3868 10th Ave., (corner of W. 207th St.), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Danny F. Donuts Corp.; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers a **Strong Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Danny F. Donuts Corp.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque -- North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: Dyckman Salon

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (36) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (3) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **not grant** a new On-Premise Liquor License to Dyckman Salon located at 235 Dyckman Street, corner of Seaman Avenue.

Whereas, Dyckman Salon located at 235 Dyckman Street, at the corner of Seaman Ave., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, about Dyckman Salon; and

Whereas, the 34th Police Precinct representative objects to the application because the area is fully saturated with on premises liquor licenses and it will added to the existing noise level and effect on vehicular traffic and parking in proximity to the location; and

Whereas, two members of the public spoke against the new license application and two members of the public spoke in favor of the license; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers an **Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new On Premise Liquor License for Dyckman Salon.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque -- North
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Re: El Caribe Restaurant Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a new Restaurant Wine License to El Caribe Restaurant Corp. located at 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue between W. 188th & W. 189th Sts.

Whereas, El Caribe Restaurant Corp. located at 1562 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 188th & W. 189th Sts.), has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about El Caribe Restaurant Corp.; and

Whereas, the 34th Police Precinct representative reserved his recommendation on application until he reviews the floor plans and has a walkthrough of the establishment; and

Whereas, two members of the public spoke in favor of Wine & Social; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers No Objection to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for El Caribe Restaurant Corp.

Sincerely,

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Re: Hashi Fusion, Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (27) In Favor, (10) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of an On-Premise Liquor License to Hashi Fusion, Inc. located at 5009 Broadway between W. 213th & W. 214th Street.

Whereas, Hashi Fusion Inc. located at 5009 Broadway between W. 213th and W. 214th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal of an On Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Hashi Fusion Inc.; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers no objection to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License for Hashi Fusion Inc IF establishment continues to close their shutters at 9 pm.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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Re: IL Posto Trattoria Rustica Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (23) In Favor, (12) Opposed, (4) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **grant** a new Restaurant Wine License to IL Posto Trattoria Rustica Corp. located at 227 Dyckman Street between Broadway & Seaman Ave.

Whereas, IL Posto Trattoria Rustica Corp. located at 227 Dyckman Street, between Broadway & Seaman Aves., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, about IL Posto Trattoria Rustica Corp.; and

Whereas, the 34th Police Precinct representative objects to the application because the area is fully saturated with liquor licenses plus he has not seen anything floor plans or had walkthrough. However, since the establishment is not applying for a on-premises liquor license the 34th police precinct is open to supporting the establishment after reviewing the floor plans and a walkthrough; and

Whereas, various members of the public spoke in favor of the establishment; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for IL Posto Trattoria Rustica Corp.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque -- North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 24, 2012

Hon. Dennis Rosen
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Seaman Casandra Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (21) In Favor, (14) Opposed, (3) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant an application to Seaman Casandra Corp for a renewal application for Corporate Change located at 4020A 10th Avenue between W. 214th & W. 215th Sts.

Whereas, Seaman Casandra Corp. located at 4020A 10th Avenue, between W. 214th & W. 215th Sts., has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a Corporate Change; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on April 3, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, about Seaman Casandra Corp.; and

Whereas, the 34th Police Precinct representative did not object to the application but raised concerns of the alcohol serving in the establishment and requested the owners hire staff to serve alcohol in the privately held events and also notify the 34th Police Precinct of any events with high attendance; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Corporate Change for Seaman Casandra Corp. **IF** the establishment hires staff to serve and control serving of alcohol in all events and must notifies the 34th police precinct when any event reaches and/or surpasses 110 people in attendance.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North
Chair

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Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 30, 2012

Hon. David J. Burney
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Design & Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

Dear Commissioner Burney:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (38)In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain,(1) Not voting to support the new design of the 215th Street step-street as presented by that the NYC Department of Design & Construction (DDC).

Whereas: The New York City Department of Design & Construction (DDC) presented on September 13th, 2010 a reconstruction design of W. 215th Street step-street using single center-step scheme which the agency preferred due to cost savings considerations; and

Whereas: The proposal was met with criticism, and opposed by community residents and committee members who preferred maintaining the original two-step design for historic, aesthetic and safety reasons; and

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan unanimously passed a resolution on September 28th, 2010 recommending a scheme with two parallel sets of stairs and calling on DDC to implement a design consistent with the community's request; and

Whereas: DDC returned to CB12M on April 2nd, 2012 and presented a design which preserves the original parallel stairs, and incorporates two landmarked lamp posts, new plantings, and built-in stone bike channels; and

Whereas: The presentation was met with much enthusiasm, support, and appreciation for the time DDC invested in restoring the design to something consonant with community desire; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan wholeheartedly supports the new design of the 215th Street step-street as presented by the NYC Department of Design & Construction (DDC) and recommends that it be implemented.

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

Sincerely,

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Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 30, 2012

Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
Commissioner
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (1) Not Voting recommending that the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) requests further study of Inwood for the potential of individual landmarks as well as historic districts and give special attention to the Request for Evaluation submitted by the Volunteers for Isham Park for the William A. Hurst House.

Whereas: In 2009 Community Board 12-Manhattan ("CB12-M") supported the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission ("LPC")'s designation of the Audubon Park Historic District and the individual designation of Fort Washington Presbyterian Church. In 2010 CB12-M's Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") encouraged local residents to share with it their ideas for other potential historic districts and individual landmarks in Washington Heights and Inwood; and

Whereas: At the April 7, 2010 Land Use meeting, residents of Inwood presented two potential districts in Inwood, were encouraged by the Committee to pursue the matter further, and received recommendations from a Historic Districts Council ("HDC") staff member who attended the meeting on how further investigation into the two potential historic districts might proceed; and

Whereas: In autumn of 2010 Inwood residents, organized as the Volunteers for Isham Park ("VIP"), submitted a successful application to the HDC for its inaugural "Six to Celebrate" program to study the potential for designating historic districts in Inwood. The first public meeting was held on April 30, 2011 at the Inwood Branch of the New York Public Library. Throughout the remainder of 2011, VIP studied the potential for historic districts in Inwood, including a reconnaissance survey with photographs of all the existing buildings or conditions on lots in Inwood above Dyckman Street to its boundaries at the Harlem and Hudson Rivers; and

Whereas: VIP made several public PowerPoint presentations describing its progress in the process of defining potential districts, individual landmarks, and other related area conditions, including three to the Land Use Committee, on February 9, 2011, November 2, 2011 and on March 14, 2012, and to LPC on March 23, 2012; and .

Whereas: In the course of its presentations VIP informed the Committee that it surveyed an area containing approximately 523 buildings, 35% of the buildings were constructed in the 1920s, the architectural styles present in the study area include Tudor Revival, Mediterranean Revival, Greek Revival, Romanesque and Art Deco, and that nine potential historic districts have been identified, including an Isham Park District, an Art Deco District, a Dyckman Street District, a Small House District and a West 204th Street District; and

Whereas: In the course of its presentations VIP also informed the Committee that architecturally and historically significant structures in Inwood have been demolished in the past, notably, the Dyckman Institute, formerly located in Inwood Hill Park, and the Isham family residence, originally given to the city as part of Isham Park (both were demolished during the 1940s), and that it is important to critically examine resources in the neighborhood so that further losses might be prevented; and

Whereas: VIP specifically identified the William A. Hurst House, a historic residence located at 530 West 215th Street that was designed by AIA Fellow James Whitman O'Connor, as being endangered. The Hurst House was constructed in 1912, the same year Isham Park was dedicated, is located just north of the site of the former Isham residence, and is the only remaining historic residential home of its size and integrity in Inwood. Today, it is connected physically to the Northeastern Academy, is owned by the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been in deteriorated condition for many years and is in need of emergency restoration, and;

Whereas: VIP submitted a Request for Evaluation to LPC for designation of the Hurst House as an individually landmarked building; and

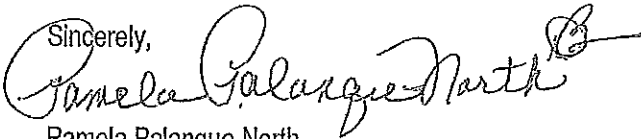
Whereas: Through its advocacy VIP has increased interest in, and investigation of, local history and the built environment in Inwood, and has helped to demonstrate a level of interest and commitment to historic designation among members of the Inwood community. The work presented by VIP is a compelling argument for further consideration of Inwood on the basis of its architectural and historical significance. Now, therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that the Landmarks Preservation Commission further study Inwood for the potential of individual landmarks as well as historic districts, and be it further

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan also requests that the Landmarks Preservation Commission give special attention to the Request for Evaluation submitted by the Volunteers for Isham Park for the William A. Hurst House.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. We look forward to our response to our request.

Sincerely,



Pamela Palanque-North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
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Simeon Bankoff, Executive Director - Historic District Council
Pat Courtney, Resident - Volunteers for Isham Park (VIP)



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April 30, 2012

Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
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Hon. Daniel R. Jackson, President
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904-6600

Dear Commissioner Tierney & President Jackson:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution with a vote of (39)In Favor, (0)Abstain, (1)Not Voting recommending that Community Board 12 Manhattan outreach the North American division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, owners of the William A. Hurst House to explore how we might jointly move forward with a mutually beneficial plan to renovate and repurpose the Hurst House; and requesting that all elected officials who represent Washington Heights and Inwood support the efforts of the community board, the Seventh-day Adventist Church and other stakeholders.

Whereas: In 2010 Inwood residents, organized as the Volunteers for Isham Park ("VIP"), submitted a successful application to the Historic Districts Council for its inaugural "Six to Celebrate" program to study the potential for designating historic districts in Inwood. VIP studied the potential for historic districts in Inwood, including a reconnaissance survey with photographs of all of the existing buildings or conditions on lots in Inwood above Dyckman Street to its boundaries at the Harlem and Hudson Rivers. VIP also made several public PowerPoint presentations describing progress in the process of defining potential districts, landmarks, and other related area conditions, including three to the Land Use Committee, on February 9, 2011, November 2, 2011 and on March 14, 2012, and to NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission on March 23, 2012; and

Whereas: In the course of its presentations VIP informed the Committee that architecturally and historically significant structures in Inwood have been demolished in the past, notably, the Dyckman Institute, formerly located in Inwood Hill Park, and the Isham family residence, originally given to the city as part of Isham Park, (both were demolished during the 1940s), and that it is important to critically examine resources in the neighborhood so that further losses might be prevented; and

Whereas: VIP specifically identified the William A. Hurst House, a historic residence located at 530 West 215th Street that was designed by AIA Fellow James Whitman O'Connor, as being endangered. The Hurst House was constructed in 1912, the same year Isham Park was dedicated, is located just north of the site of the former Isham residence, and is the only remaining historic residential home of its size and integrity in Inwood. Today it is connected physically to the Northeastern Academy, owned by the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been in deteriorated condition for many years, and is in need of emergency restoration; and

Whereas: At the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Land Use Committee VIP shared a conceptual plan for the Hurst House. The plan envisions the renovation, restoration, and re-purposing of the house to create a model environmental and educational facility with a small local history museum and library collection, which could become a beacon program for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks") and for New York City. The plan

proposes that the restoration be accomplished by a consortium of groups, including, but not limited to, the Northeastern Academy, Columbia University, and Parks with funds raised from both private and public sources; and
Whereas: The Northeastern Academy could also benefit from funding directed to the improvement of the house, including shared handicapped access improvement in the form of an elevator situated and shared between the two structures, improved sidewalk conditions, restored windows, and structural repairs; and

Whereas: The Land Use Committee expressed support for the concept of renovating the Hurst House and putting it to a use that is beneficial to general community and encourages Community Board 12-Manhattan to commence an ongoing friendly dialogue with the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a community stakeholder, to explore how we might jointly move forward with a mutually beneficial renovation and repurposing plan. Now, therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan outreach to and engage the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as owner of the William A. Hurst House, and other parties as the church may recommend, to explore how we might jointly move forward with a mutually beneficial plan to renovate and repurpose the Hurst House and work to structure and realize an agreed-upon plan; and be it further

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that all elected officials who represent Washington Heights and Inwood support the efforts of the community board, the Seventh-day Adventist Church and other stakeholders who may become involved, to advance the aforementioned renovation and repurposing plan.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. We look forward to your response to our request.

Sincerely,



Pamela Palanque-North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 30, 2012

Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor
City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Mr. Mark Page
Director
NYC Department of Management & Budget
75 Park Place
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg & Mr. Page:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (36) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain to call upon Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, to support the child care and after-school programs in his Executive Budget by restoring \$104 million to the Administration for Children's Services for child care and \$66 million to the Department of Youth and Community Development for after-school programs.

WHEREAS: The Mayor's FY 13 Preliminary Budget puts 47,000 children at risk of losing their child care and after-school programs; and

WHEREAS: This is the fifth straight year of cuts to both child care and after-school programs, and the newest cuts in the FY 13 Preliminary Budget, combined with the current Early Learn NYC and Out-of-School Time (OST) request for proposals, would mean that more than 90,000 children will be left without care since 2009; and

WHEREAS: Both child care and after-school programs provide children with critical educational opportunities that pave the way for future success, and kids who attend these programs do better in school, are more likely to graduate and have lower incidences of violence, drug-use and teen pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: Child care and after-school programs allow working parents to keep their jobs, and without access to these programs, working parents will be forced to make potentially unsafe arrangements for their children in order to keep their jobs; and

WHEREAS: Washington Heights - Inwood presently has 19 OST programs and 8 child care programs in the district serving approximately 2,500 early childhood, elementary and intermediate school students with year-round programming; and

WHEREAS: Washington Heights - Inwood potentially stands to lose about 13 of its current OST programs depending upon the results of the current request for proposals process; and

WHEREAS: Our local OST programs currently employ over 250 staff members, individuals who are mostly young adults who are supporting their way through college; and

WHEREAS: The currently funded 19 elementary school programs in the Community Board 12-Manhattan area also serve as Summer Youth Employment Program Worksites for approximately 400 teens and young adults, worksites that are now in jeopardy given the proposed budget cuts; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Community Board 12M endorses the Campaign for Children, a partnership of The Emergency Coalition to Save Child Care and the NYC Youth Alliance; and be it further

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon Mayor Bloomberg to support the child care and after-school programs in his Executive Budget by restoring \$104 million to the Administration for Children's Services for child care and \$66 million to the Department of Youth and Community Development for after-school programs.

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

Sincerely



Pamela Palanque – North
Chair

cc: Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
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Hon. Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member
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Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Commissioner - Dept of Youth & Community Development
Hon. Ronald E. Richter, Commissioner - Administration for Child Services



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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

April 30, 2012

Hon. Adrian Benepe, Commissioner
The Arsenal – Central Park
830 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (34) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain, (1) Not Voting supporting the design for the reconstruction of the path and stairs and miscellaneous site work behind the Cottage and leading down to the Henry Hudson Parkway within the southwest portion of Fort Tryon Park (Contract No. M029-210M), as proposed by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

Whereas: Fort Tryon Park was constructed between 1927 and 1935. The land was purchased and developed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the park was designed by the prominent landscape architecture firm, the Olmsted Brothers. Upon completion, the park was given as a gift to the city and has since been a vibrant and highly valued part of the northern Manhattan community; and

Whereas: In 1938 The Cloisters Museum opened, making Fort Tryon Park an important regional destination; and

Whereas: Fort Tryon Park is also the home of the incomparable Heather Garden, the largest public garden with unrestricted access in New York City, also notable for its striking views of the Hudson River, the Palisades and the George Washington Bridge; and

Whereas: In 1983 Fort Tryon Park was designated an official City scenic landmark; and

Whereas: Certain parts of the park have deteriorated over the past several decades. One such section is the southwest portion below the Cottage and down to the Henry Hudson Parkway; and

Whereas: Council Member Robert Jackson has allocated \$784,000 for the project to reconstruct and renovate the paths, stairs and other elements in this section of the park, which will not only result in increased utilization and an improved experience for visitors to Fort Tryon but also will enhance security by providing increased access for New York Police Department and New York City Parks Enforcement Patrol vehicles; and

Whereas: Asphalt pavements, stairs, landings, water fountains and drainage systems need to be refurbished or rebuilt and modernized, and new benches with armrests need to be installed, to create a safe and inviting environment for the public; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the design for the reconstruction of the path and stairs and miscellaneous site work behind the Cottage and leading to the Henry Hudson Parkway within the southwest portion of Fort Tryon Park (Contract No. M029-210M), as proposed by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela P. North", written over a horizontal line.

Pamela Palanque – North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Hon. William T. Castro, Borough Commissioner, DPR
Jennifer Hoppa, Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator



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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

May 14, 2012

Honorable David Frankel
Commissioner
NYC Department of Finance
One Centre Street
New York, N.Y. 10007

Dear Commissioner Frankel:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (38)In Favor, (0)Opposed, (1)Abstain to recommend that the Department of Finance immediately accelerate the Senior Citizen rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) application, re-certification, and tax abatement credit processing and to strengthen and establish income parity in both programs without lessening either.

WHEREAS: The New York State Assembly, the City Council and Community Board 12-Manhattan recently held hearings to examine the impact on seniors, people with disabilities and landlords of the transfer of the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program from the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) to the NYC Department of Finance (DOF) as well as the management of the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) and Tax Abatement Credit (TAC) programs by that agency; and

WHEREAS: Testimony given by elected officials, agency heads, tenant and landlord organizations, community leaders, advocacy groups, and senior citizens and people with disabilities themselves revealed that there have been some negative outcomes since 2009 when the SCRIE program transfer began despite the goal of streamlining the application and TAC processes. According to these witnesses, a major backlog resulted so that applications have not been processed timely and accurately. In some cases, applications were held for more than a year before being processed, leaving seniors and people with disabilities financially vulnerable in their efforts to pay their full rents; and

WHEREAS: Similar complaints have been voiced by the Rent Stabilization Association, a major lobbying group for landlords, about delays in the processing of new and renewal applications as well as DOF's failure to provide written statements of an owner's SCRIE/DRIE TAC unless vigorously protested by an owner and its failure to provide a phone number other than 311 for owners to call; and

WHEREAS: There have been reports that a few landlords have taken unfair advantage of the processing delays and mishaps by failing to send timely lease renewals to SCRIE/DRIE tenants and/or initiating eviction proceedings for nonpayment of rent; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Finance admitted that there have been excessive delays and that DOF's initial processing was flawed, but claimed that the backlog was now eliminated, that almost all SCRIE applications are processed within 25 days and that DOF promptly responds with an approval, rejection or a written request for any missing information. However, that contention is disputed by both tenant and landlord groups, which want further solutions to correct this problem and allow better navigation for seniors and people with disabilities in this process; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Finance also testified that the department has corrected problems with the landlords' TAC statements and now provides online access to view these reports, but landlord groups said that there are still processing delays; and

WHEREAS: The NY City Comptroller's recent audit of the SCRIE program found approximately 3,800 deceased persons still receiving SCRIE benefits. DOF claims it now has greater controls in place to ensure the proper revocation of the SCRIE benefit upon a recipient's death, as all active SCRIE recipients are cross matched against the Social Security Administration's Death Master File; and

WHEREAS: These public hearings showed that while DOF may have solved the administrative problems with enhanced computerized accounting and database systems, it has not solved nor given any indication that it can solve its inability to provide direct outreach and support services that seniors and people with disabilities require. Despite the tens of thousands of SCRIE and DRIE applications it must handle, this office is drastically understaffed with only two persons, compared to the nearly 40 staff members who worked at DFTA handling a similar workload as well as providing outreach and support services to new applicants and those requesting renewals before this responsibility was transferred to DOF; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that all elected officials of this District, the New York City Council, the State Legislature, the NYC Department of Finance and the Mayor's Office take effective steps to insure that all applications and re-certifications for the SCRIE and DRIE programs are processed within a 25-day period; and be it further

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that the New York City Council restore the front end of the SCRIE program, consisting of direct educational outreach and support services, to the Department of Aging, with the back end administrative functions retained by the Department of Finance; and be it further

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that the New York City Council transfer the front end of the DRIE application and re-certification process from the Department of Finance to a more realistic and fitting home at the Mayor's Office of People With Disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that the New York City Council and the State Legislature provide all necessary funding to support the SCRIE and DRIE programs so as to assure that all applications are processed in an expeditious manner and prevent the loss of benefits due any eligible recipient, and that such funding be utilized for a significantly augmented staff at the same or higher level as existed prior to the 2009 transfer of SCRIE to DOF; and finally be it further

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that the City and State increase the maximum allowances and eligibility standards of the DRIE program to the same level as the SCRIE program so as to strengthen the rent increase exemptions in both programs.

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

Sincerely,



Pamela Palanque-North

Chairperson

Community Board 12 Manhattan

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair
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APRIL 30, 2012

Hon. Adrian Benepe, Commissioner
The Arsenal – Central Park
830 5th Avenue
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Dear Commissioner Benepe:

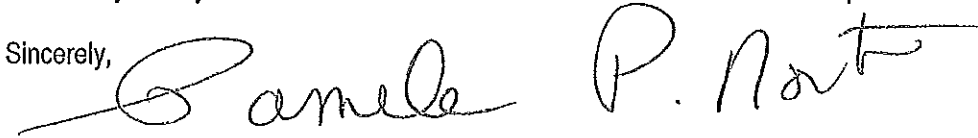
At the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (32) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (1) Abstain, (1) Not Voting to recommend that the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation designate a southeastern section of Isham Park as an off-leash area from the time the park opens at 7:30am until 9:00pm.

- Whereas: Isham Park, a 20.1 acre park located between Broadway and Seaman Avenue from Isham Street to 215th Street, was donated by Julia Isham Taylor to the City in remembrance of her father in 1912. Julia wanted the estate's views of the Hudson and Harlem Rivers, the Harlem River Ship Canal and Spuyten Duyvil to be preserved for future generations to enjoy; and
- Whereas: Isham Park is one of the most valued cultural and recreational gathering spaces for the Inwood community and also serves as an important link for foot traffic for many Inwood residents to the commercial and transportation hubs located on Broadway; and
- Whereas: According to the New York City Economic Development Corporation, there are approximately 1.1 million pets in New York City (600,000 dogs and 500,000 cats) or an ownership rate of about one pet for every three households, with an estimated 25 to 30,000 pets calling Washington Heights- Inwood home. That number places Washington Heights- Inwood as one of the communities with the second highest rate of pet ownership in the City; and
- Whereas: Throwing a ball, running with, and playing with one's dog increases the health and well-being of not only the dog but its owner as well; off-leash recreation better socializes dogs, resulting in better canines and benefitting the communities in which they live, and the off-leash hours policy gets people into the parks earlier and during the night hours, bringing New Yorkers together and building a stronger sense of community. Dog owners of Isham park were credited with preventing a mugging and the apprehension of the perpetrator; and
- Whereas: With the increased sense of community, the dog owners would be more apt to monitor and communicate the policy of the off-leash privilege for Isham Park and to encourage responsible dog owners and best practices like the importance of curbing one's dog so the park may be enjoyed by everyone; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan requests that the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner designate the southeastern section of Isham Park as a designated off-leash area from the time

the park opens until 7:30 a.m. and from 9 p.m. until the park closes and for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to attend regular community summits organized by local residents who live adjacent to Isham Park.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pamela P. North". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Pamela Palanque – North
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
Hon. Guillermo Linares, Assembly Member
Hon. Robert Jackson, Council Member
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member
Hon. William T. Castro, Borough Commissioner, DPR
Jennifer Hoppa, Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator