



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan**  
**Washington Heights & Inwood**  
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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

March 27, 2012

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

**Re: Vida Mexicana Inc. dba Papisito Mexican Grill**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, voted (19) In Favor, (17) Opposed, (2) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority **not grant** a renewal of the On-Premise Liquor License to the Vida Mexicana Inc. dba Papisito Mexican Grill located at 223 Dyckman Street bet. Broadway & Seaman Avenues.

**Whereas**, Vida Mexicana Inc dba Papisito Mexican Grill, located at 223 Dyckman Street bet. Broadway and Seaman Avenues, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal On Premise Liquor license; and

**Whereas**, the Economic Development Committee, having met on March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard some negative comments related to noise pollution and quality of life issues about Vida Mexicana Inc dba Papisito Mexican Grill; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Community Board 12 **objects** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the On Premise Liquor License for Vida Mexicana Inc dba Papisito Mexican Grill.

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  
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Re: L'Fonda Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

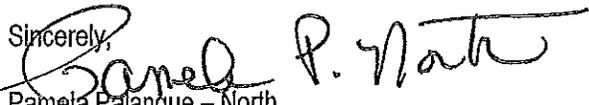
At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (36) In Favor, (2) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of a Restaurant Wine License to L'Fonda Inc. located at 2023 Amsterdam Avenue bet. W. 160th & W. 161st Sts.

Whereas, L'Fonda Inc, located at 2023 Amsterdam Avenue bet. W. 160<sup>th</sup> & W. 161<sup>st</sup> Streets, 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 March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about L'Fonda 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 L'Fonda Inc.

Sincerely,

  
Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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**Re: AKM Restaurant Inc. dba Park View Restaurant**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal Restaurant Wine License to the AKM Restaurant Inc. dba Park View Restaurant located at 219 Dyckman Street and the corner of Broadway.

**Whereas**, AKM Restaurant Inc dba Park View Restaurant, located at 219 Dyckman Street at the corner of Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its to file an application for a renewal Restaurant Wine 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 **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for AKM Restaurant Inc dba Park View Restaurant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Palanque-North". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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**Re: La Isa restaurant Corp.**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (1)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of the On-Premise Liquor License to the La Isa Restaurant Corp. located at 1242 St. Nicholas Avenue bet. W. 172nd & W. 173 Streets.

**Whereas**, La Isa Restaurant Corp, located at 1242 St. Nicholas Avenue bet. W. 172<sup>nd</sup> & W. 173<sup>rd</sup> Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal On Premise Liquor License; and

**Whereas**, the Economic Development Committee, having met on March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about La Isa Restaurant Corp; 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 La Isa Restaurant Corp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela P. North".

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman  
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**Re: Kiara Foods Inc. dba Manola Tapas Restaurant**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Kiara Foods Inc. dba Manola Rapas Restaurant located at 4165-4167 Broadway bet. W. 176th & W. 177th Sts.

Whereas, Kiara Foods Inc dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant, located at 4165-4167 Broadway bet W. 176<sup>th</sup> & W. 177<sup>th</sup> Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal On Premise Liquor license; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee, having met on March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Kiara Foods Inc dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant; 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 Kiara Foods Inc dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

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**Re: Manhattan River Group LLC dba La Marina**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (22) In Favor, (14) Opposed, (1) Abstain, (1) Not Voting to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a new On-Premise Liquor License to the Manhattan River Group LLC dba La Marina located at 348 Dyckman Street.

**Whereas**, Manhattan River Group LLC dba La Marina, located at 348 Dyckman Street at the corner of Staff Street, 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 March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard some negative comments related to the size of the establishment (over 1000 seats), proximity to Dyckman Street an area of the community that has a history of noise pollution and quality of life issue and appropriate number of security personnel about Manhattan River Group LLC dba La Marina; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the On Premise Liquor License for Manhattan River Group LLC dba La Marina **IF** the establishment agrees to a minimum of 3 security personnel and to the 34<sup>th</sup> precincts security personnel formula after the final walkthrough on high traffic nights.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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**Re: AJK 425 Corp**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (6) In Favor, (30)Opposed, (2)Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority to not grant a new On-Premise Liquor License to the AJK 425 Corp, located at 425 W. 218<sup>th</sup> Street bet. Broadway & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Whereas**, AJK 425 Corp, located at 425 W. 218<sup>th</sup> Street bet. Broadway & 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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 March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard some negative comments about AJK 425 Corp related to its location near the MTA bus depot, hours of operation as well as concern that it will turn into a night club; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Community Board 12 offers **objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new of the On Premise Liquor License for AJK 425 Corp **IF** they close on weeknights at 12 AM and on weekends at 2 AM.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

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**Re: King Flavor Inc.**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a new Restaurant Wine License to King Flavor Inc. located at 1391 St. Nicholas Avenue bet. W. 179<sup>th</sup> S & W. 180<sup>th</sup> St.

**Whereas**, King Flavor Inc, located at 1391 St. Nicholas Avenue bet. W. 179<sup>th</sup> & W. 180<sup>th</sup> Streets, 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 March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about King Flavor Inc; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Community Board 12 offers no objection to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for King Flavor Inc.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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Albany, NY 12210-8002

**Re: Corcho Corp.**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (34) In Favor, (4) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal of a Tavern Wine License to Corcho Corp. located at 227 Dyckman Street bet. Seaman Avenue & Broadway

**Whereas**, Corcho Corp, located at 227 Dyckman Street bet. Seaman Avenue and Broadway, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal Tavern Wine license; and

**Whereas**, the Economic Development Committee, having met on March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Corcho Corp; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Community Board 12 offers **no objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Tavern Wine License for Corcho Corp.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
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**Re: Sports Zone Café Inc dba MIMOSA**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the New York State Liquor Authority grant a renewal to the Sports Zone Cafe Inc. dba MIMOSA located at 253-271 Sherman Avenue bet. 207<sup>th</sup> & Isham Streets

**Whereas**, Sports Zone Café Inc dba MIMOSA, located at 253-271 Sherman Avenue bet. 207<sup>th</sup> & Isham Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a renewal On Premise Liquor license; and

**Whereas**, the Economic Development Committee, having met on March 6, 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, heard no negative comments about Sports Zone Café Inc dba MIMOSA; 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 Sports Zone Café Inc dba MIMOSA.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
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March 30, 2012

Honorable Raymond W. Kelly  
Commissioner  
New York City Police Department  
1 Police Plaza  
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

Please be advised that Community Board 12 Manhattan at its general meeting March 27, 2012 the Board passed the following resolution with a vote of (35)In favor, (2)Opposed, (1)Abstain, to recommend changes in the current New York Police Department (NYPD) Stop & Frisk Policy and Practice.

1: WHEREAS, the New York City Police Department executed nearly 700,000 stops in 2011, more than double the number of stops that occurred in 2003; and

2: WHEREAS, 85% of those stopped were Black and Latino; and the NYPD Stop, Question & Frisks reports state 88.5% of those stopped in the 33rd and 34th Precincts were members of racial minority groups; and

3: WHEREAS, only 7% of the above stops result in arrest, a figure across racial groups; and

4: WHEREAS, no gun is found in 99.8% of stops; and

5: WHEREAS, the NYPD Stop, Question & Frisk report states that the 33rd & 34th Precincts executed 3,074 stops in the first quarter of 2011 (Jan.1 - April 1); and

6: WHEREAS, the NYPD Stop, Question & Frisk report states only .43% of the stops in the 33rd and 34th Precincts from 1/1/11 - 4/1/11 resulted in arrest; and

7: WHEREAS, the NYPD Stop, Question & Frisks reports state that only .62% of the stops in the 33rd and 34th Precincts from 1/1/11 - 4/1/11 were for a suspect carrying a suspicious weapon; and

8: WHEREAS, many youth are charged with these low-level offenses, which do not carry jail time, but can compromise their chances at securing financial aid, accessing public housing, obtaining gainful employment, and enlisting in the military; and

9: WHEREAS, IN 2000, the US Civil Rights Commission concluded that the NYPD Stop and Frisk program amounted to racial profiling; and

10: WHEREAS, the US District Court for the Southern District of New York found, in August 2011, that serious questions remain about racial disparities in current Stop and Frisk practices, about the constitutionality of thousands of stops that do not result in arrest; and about the role quotas may play in driving the four-fold increase in the stops over the last decade; and

11: WHEREAS, the current Stop and Frisk program is creating a deep layer of distrust between police and racial minority groups;

1: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NYPD must take steps to reform stop and frisk immediately-by increasing the accountability for precinct commanders through Comp Stat; removing stop and frisk as a positive outcome in Comp Stat; providing new training at the Police Academy to make stops constitutional and less confrontational; and monitor the use of Pat & Frisk so that excessive force is not being used by officers and especially in minority communities; and individuals who are subject to Stop and Frisk are explained their legal rights pertaining to Stop and Frisk; a number that can be contacted for further inquiry including the name and badge number(s) of the officers involved; and no database should be maintained on those found to be innocent of any wrongdoing

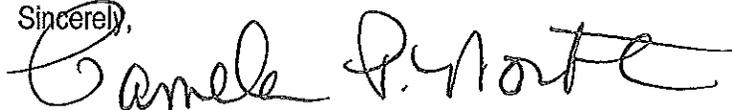
2: THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all NYPD officers be required to attend cultural sensitivity training programs annually and reinvigorate their Courtesy, Professionalism and Respect program; and

3: THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NYPD explore proven alternatives to stop and frisk, like the "call-in" approach pioneered by John Jay Professor David Kennedy, which has reduced violent crime by up to 60% in cities such as Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles; and other alternatives as proposed by the NY Civil Liberties Union; and

4: THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the US Department of Justice launches an investigation into how Stop and Frisk is used in New York to determine whether racial profiling remains a problem.

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  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Public Advocate  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman



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Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

March 27, 2012

Michael Ben-Asher  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
42 Broadway 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

**Re: 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai**

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the general meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (37) In Favor, (1)Opposed, (0)Abstain to recommend that the Department of Consumer Affairs does **not grant** a new Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe License to the 207 West Restaurant Corp. dba Yummy Thai located at 4959 Broadway bet. 207th & Isham Streets.

**Whereas**, 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai, located at 4959 Broadway bet. 207<sup>th</sup> & Isham Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its to file an application for a new Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe 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 **OBJECTION** to the Department of Consumer Affairs granting a new Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe license for 207 West Restaurant Corp dba Yummy Thai.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque - North  
Chair

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Pamela Palanque-North - Chair  
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

March 6, 2012

Mr. Brian Simon, Director  
Government & Community Relations  
225 Park Avenue South 18th Fl.  
New York, NY 10003

Dear Mr. Simon:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (32)In Favor, (0)Opposed, (0)Abstain, fundamentally approving the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ)'s program to renovate the George Washington Bridge Bus Station, notwithstanding specific recommendations and concerns regarding traffic control during construction; Developer fund traffic control agents; and PANYNJ provide adequate community space; and more.

Whereas: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ)'s George Washington Bridge Bus Station opened in 1963 and was designed by noted Italian architect Pier Luigi Nervi, who is known for designing the Palazzetto dello Sport in Rome, which was used in the 1960 Summer Olympics, and

Whereas: PANYNJ is about to embark on a renovation of the George Washington Bridge Bus Station between West 178<sup>th</sup> & West 179<sup>th</sup> Streets; and

Whereas: Since the bus station is owned by PANYNJ it is not subject to New York City's Landmarks Preservation Law. Nonetheless PANYNJ has consulted with the Landmarks Preservation Commission on design-related matters and plans to have a preservation advisory committee. The redevelopment project will highlight, not obscure, the station's original architecture, retaining and repairing its entrance canopy and creating a state-of-the art bus terminal under the iconic roof structure; and

Whereas: The renovation is much needed and greatly desired by the community because:

- retail spaces are currently not well cared for;
- the east side of Broadway between W. 178<sup>th</sup> and W. 179<sup>th</sup> Streets is a blank wall;
- the roof (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) of the "east building" (i.e., on the east side of Broadway), formerly public parking, is now unused except as a bus turnaround;
- the bus platform is very inefficient and gets backed up with only a few buses loading;
- the street level areas and main entrance are forbidding;
- buses now board in various places around the facility other than the main platform; and,

Whereas: There are many improvements planned for the Bus Terminal, including:

- a more efficient bus concourse, and consolidation of all bus service on one concourse;

- creation of an improved retail environment on the west side of Broadway;
- addition of a new retail area on the east side of Broadway;
- increased retail throughout the complex, including a supermarket;
- a public space for the community;
- brightly-lit, glassed-in entrances on Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue, which are attractive and provide greater visibility; and,

Whereas: The renovation project will increase the bus station's number of gates by 30%, from 17 to 22, thus allowing it to take pressure off of PANYNJ's 42<sup>nd</sup> Street bus station, where the 183 gates are at or near capacity; and

Whereas: The redevelopment project will generally improve and enliven the streetscape around the bus station and will better integrate the station into the surrounding community, but further attention must be given to the pedestrian environment at Fort Washington Avenue and at Wadsworth Avenue. Under the current build program, no new construction or improvements are proposed for the Wadsworth Avenue end of the bus terminal complex. It is recommended that PANYNJ and the developers, in consultation with residents of neighboring residential buildings, consider improvements to the bus complex's block-long blank wall along Wadsworth Avenue such as public art featuring local artists, a display on the history of the bus station and the neighborhood or display cases related to the new retail tenants. Further, while the redevelopment project provides for new storefronts and signage along Fort Washington Avenue, based on renderings of the completed project, the pedestrian environment still feels grey and visually uninviting. It is recommended that PANYNY and the developers include streetscape elements such as way-finding signs, banners or kiosks to add color and visual detail;

Whereas: There are opportunities for the work of local artist to be displayed on interior walls throughout the redeveloped bus station; and

Whereas: Planning for the redevelopment project did not consider opportunities for the bus station to expand upon mass transit service; and

Whereas: The Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA) is a local arts service organization with the mission to cultivate, support, and promote the work of artists and arts organizations in Northern Manhattan; NoMAA has a solid trajectory of facilitating the creation of new artistic work by diverse, emerging, and established artists for presentation to the community; strengthening the infrastructures and sustainability of local arts organizations; encouraging public dialogue, engagement, and collective reflection around issues affecting Manhattan's uptown cultural community; and fostering Northern Manhattan's economic development and overall vibrancy; and

Whereas: There will be much disruption in the community during construction, including:

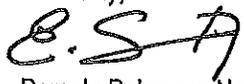
- a trailer to be sited on the east side of Fort Washington Avenue between W. 178<sup>th</sup> and W. 179<sup>th</sup> Streets, to act as the waiting room;
- elimination of underground access to the A-train for unspecified period(s) of time, forcing hundreds of commuters onto an already crowded streetscape;
- drastic reduction of street width around the terminal during construction to accommodate construction vehicles, impinging on free flow of traffic around the terminal and bridge, which bridge is the most heavily travelled bridge in the world, and already creates tremendous traffic on the surrounding city streets due to a lack of traffic enforcement; and

- Whereas: The current plan for 250 square feet of community room space is inadequate not only in terms of size but also location in the building and lack of planned program. The plan should be modified to include a community room capable of holding at least 100 people for performances and exhibitions of various types, as well as a program for management and maintenance of the space; and
- Whereas: Whereas, unemployment in Washington Heights & Inwood hovers at nearly 14 % and the George Washington Bridge Bus Station Redevelopment is projected to create 746 permanent new jobs and 530 construction jobs. Now, therefore be it
- Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan (CB12M) fundamentally approves of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ)'s program to renovate the George Washington Bridge Bus Station, notwithstanding specific recommendations and concerns regarding traffic control during construction and community use space as enumerated below; and be it further
- Resolved: That CB12M urges the PANYNJ and the developers fund traffic control agents (whether PANYNJ's , NYPD's or some other source to be stationed at all corners around the construction zone, and ensuring smooth flow of traffic in the streets, into and out of the terminal, and on to and off of the Bridge, from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week; and be it further
- Resolved: That the PANYNJ provide adequate community space in the renovated Bus Station, and fund a program to maintain and make available this space for the purpose of providing a home for fine and performing arts in Washington Heights; and be it further
- Resolved: That the PANYNJ and the developers further improve and enliven the streetscape between West 178<sup>th</sup> and West 179<sup>th</sup> Street along Fort Washington Avenue and Wadsworth Avenues; and be it further
- Resolved: That the PANYNJ and the developers create opportunities for local artists to exhibit work on interior wall space in the redeveloped bus station; and be it further
- Resolved: CB12M recommends that NoMAA should serve as the manager of the public space for the community as mentioned in the improvements planned for the Bus Terminal; and be it further
- Resolved: CB12M urges PANYNJ to study and consider opportunities to expand mass transit service at the bus station.
- Resolved: That PANYNJ and the developers work with the CB12-M, NYC Business Solutions, the NY Women's Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders to host at least four M/WBE small business workshops and certification drives in Washington Heights and Inwood to increase the number of local contractors that could qualify towards the M/WBE utilization goal; and be it further
- Resolved: That CB12M urges PANYNJ and the developers increase the M/WBE utilization goal from 17% to Governor Cuomo's stated 20% goal; and be it further
- Resolved: That CB12M urges PANYNJ and the developers to assure that all contractors and all subcontractors' make every effort to have at least a 30% workforce of residents from the zip codes: 10025, 10026,10027, 10028, 10029, 10030, 10031, 10032, 10033, 10034, 10037, 10039, 10049, 10051, 10054, 10055, 10474 be it further resolved;

- Resolved: That PANYNJ and the developers make every effort to establish a goal of 10% in every construction trade within the project, for women construction workers; and be it further resolved
- Resolved: That PANYNJ and the developers guarantees that all the jobs at the site will pay no less than a living wage of \$10 an hour with health benefits; and be it further
- Resolved: That PANYNJ and the developers seek to the best of their abilities to see to it that at least 50% of all on-site permanent jobs are reserved for local Washington Heights and Inwoods residents and that this guarantee is in writing; and be it further
- Resolved: CB12M requests that PANYNJ and the developers set aside at least 40% of all remaining retail space within the renovated George Washington Bridge Bus Station for local business owners within Washington Heights and Inwood; and be it further
- Resolved: That PANYNJ and the developers work with the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, NYC Business Solutions, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, union apprentice and pre-apprentice programs, and other local community based organizations that provide job development services to hold at least four job fairs and job training programs for all residents of Washington Heights and Inwood related to business that will be housed within the renovated George Washington Bus Station in coordination with the new on-site retailers; and be it further .
- Resolved: That CB12 Manhattan will monitor all of the aforementioned requests and asks that it be provided with information on a monthly basis in order to stay informed with the processes undertaken by PANYNJ and the developers at the site.

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

Sincerely,

*for*   
Pamela Palanque-North  
Chair

Hon. Michael J. Bloomberg, Mayor  
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Hon. Bill De Blasio, Public Advocate  
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