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June 27, 2012

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

Re: 181st Caridad Restaurant Inc.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (29) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the State Liquor Authority **not to grant** a New Restaurant Wine License to 181st Caridad Restaurant Inc. located at 554 W. 181st Street, between St. Nicholas & Audubon Avenues.

Whereas, 181st Caridad Restaurant Inc. located at 554 W. 181st Street, bet. St. Nicholas & Audubon Avenues, has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intention to file an application for a new 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 **Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for 181st Caridad Restaurant Inc.

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
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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Columbia Grill & Deli Corp.

Dear Chairman Rosen:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (23) In Favor, (6) Opposed, (0) Abstain to recommend that the State Liquor Authority grant a New Restaurant Wine License to Columbia Grill & Deli Corp. located at 561 W. 169th Street, between St. Nicholas & Audubon Avenues.

Whereas, Columbia Grill & Deli Corp. located at 561 W. 169th Street, between St. Nicholas & Audubon 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 June 5th 2012 to hear comments from the community, and the local precincts, about Columbia Grill & Deli Corp.; and

Whereas, the 33rd Police Precinct objects due to proximity to school and violation of the 200 foot rules; and

Whereas, the law states that the 200 foot rule only applies to On-Premises Licenses and/or liquor store licenses, not a restaurant wine licenses.

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

Sincerely,

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Hon. Janelle Sadik-Khan
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
55 Water Street 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10041

Hon. Margaret Forgiione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner's Sadik-Khan & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (31) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain requesting NYC Dept. of Transportation has approved the Neighborhood Slow Zones consisting of the areas north of Riverside Dr., West of Broadway and South of Harlem River.

Whereas: The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) has introduced a citywide Neighborhood Slow Zone program in order to apply various traffic slowing techniques to targeted areas; and

Whereas: The Neighborhood Slow Zone program implements low-technology slowing/safety improvements in limited and definable areas that have streets not appropriate for fast and/or through traffic; and

Whereas: A neighborhood slow zone is announced with signage and gateways, is self-enforcing via speed bumps, has narrowed roadways at key points, has day-lighting at the entry to the sector in order to create better sightlines for pedestrians and has 20 mph markings to remind drivers to slow down; and

Whereas: Safety and quality of life may be improved in a Neighborhood Slow Zones through reduced cut-through traffic, reduced traffic noise and more social streets; and

Whereas: Results of Slow Zones in other cities have included average speeds being reduced nine mph, 46% reduction in fatal and severe injury crashes compared to similar untreated areas; and no collision migration (crashes did not increase in adjacent areas); and

Whereas: Community Board 12-Manhattan has an ongoing commitment to the safety of neighborhood residents; and

Whereas: The proposed Neighborhood Slow Zone in Inwood, consisting of the area north of Riverside Drive, west of Broadway and south of the Harlem River, is an area with many safety, traffic and quality of life problems that may be addressed by such a designation; and

Whereas: Seaman Avenue and other streets in this proposed zone suffer especially from drivers who drive at high speed on the Henry Hudson Parkway and who seek to avoid the bridge toll with the intent of returning to high-speed driving; and

Whereas: Park Terrace North Block Association identified the need in much of the above-referenced area, surveyed the area, conducted outreach, prepared and submitted a timely Neighborhood Slow Zone application that included 35 letters of support from local residents and 10 others from community organizations; and

Whereas: There has been substantial outreach through multiple meetings and individual contacts, and the proposed Neighborhood Slow Zone proposal eligibility and approval process includes numerous determinations; and

Whereas: The main characteristics of this proposed zone, consistent with DOT's criteria for Neighborhood Slow Zone designation include: strong boundaries (busy commercial streets, parks, dead-end streets), highly residential character, two schools, three nearby subway stops and an average of 13 traffic-related injuries per year; and

Whereas: The zone plan includes 14 proposed speed bumps (including four existing ones), nine proposed entrance gateways, eleven 20 mph markings and may include refinements and additions to these components; and

Whereas: Parking loss would be less than four-tenths of one percent (11 spots) due to these improvements in the neighborhood; and

Whereas: This plan was presented to Community Board 12's Traffic and Transportation Committee on June 4, 2012, and committee members and members of the public present expressed great appreciation to Park Terrace North Block Association and its leader Dave Thom for its community leadership and outreach efforts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12M supports the designation of a Neighborhood Slow Zone in the area north of Riverside Drive, west of Broadway and south of the Harlem River; highly commends the New York City Department of Transportation for its thorough review of the proposal and analysis of neighborhood needs and calls upon DOT to implement this proposal in the upcoming FY 2013.

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

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Dear Commissioner's Sadik-Khan & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (31) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain requesting CB12M to provide NYC Dept. of Transportation with a list of specific suggestions as to possible connector routes and requests to improve existing bike paths, lane, or routes.

Whereas: Community Board 12-Manhattan (CB12M) passed a resolution in June 2011 requesting that the Department of Transportation (DOT) look into the feasibility of creating continuous bike paths in Washington Heights-Inwood to provide access both north/south and east/west for bicyclists; and

Whereas: At this point in time DOT does not have the ability to do a comprehensive study of the entire district and requested a list from CB12M of specific suggestions for possible connector routes and for improvements to existing bike paths, lanes or routes; and

Whereas: CB12M reached out to Bike Upper Manhattan, a group of local bicyclists with knowledge of existing local bike options, to produce a document delineating specific suggestions and possibilities for improving the ability of cyclists to safely and efficiently traverse through northern Manhattan; and

Whereas: The "to do list" is attached to this resolution and is divided into three categories listed in order of priority – east/west cross town crossings, north/south avenues and greenways, and access to and over bridges; and

Whereas: The list of recommended improvements is intended to increase safety and the quality of life for all street users, including pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicle drivers, by providing protected lanes where feasible, and where not feasible, by clearly alerting all users that our roads and parks are shared by cyclists; and

Whereas: It should be noted that the Traffic and Transportation Committee of CB12M does not make suggestions and recommendations for areas within the parks of northern Manhattan. Any such suggestions on the "to do list" should be directed to the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee for its comments and recommendations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan urges the Department of Transportation to examine and analyze the suggestions made on the "to do list" provided by Bike Upper Manhattan that pertain to streets and bridges and to report back on the results of its study no later than October 2012 so that the Traffic and Transportation Committee can examine what DOT plans on implementing with sufficient time for community feedback; and be it further

Resolved: As a general guideline, where bike paths are not feasible, bike lanes should be considered, and if not bike lanes then continuous bike sharrows should direct cyclists; and be it further

Resolved: In order to facilitate greater usage of the suggested bike network, CB12M recommends the installation of bike racks and [what type of] facilities at locations such as schools, parks and subway stations; and be it further

Resolved: CB 12M urges that New York City's new Bike Share program, which is now only planned for some areas of Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan below 69th Street, also include locations in northern Manhattan.

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 that reads "Pamela Palanque North". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Pamela Palanque-North
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Hon. Maurice Bruet, Deputy Manhattan Borough Commissioner-DOT

To Do Lists in Order of Priority on East/West Streets, North/South Avenues and Greenways and to and Over Bridges

East/West Crosstown Streets

1. Install East/West bound bike paths at or near Riverside Drive across Dyckman Street connecting East and West Side greenways.

Depicted on 2012 Cycling Map as "Bike Route," but not implemented. This is a priority as there needs to be a way for increasing numbers of cyclists using greenways to circumnavigate NYC in safety without being limited by this greenway gap. The recent accident on Dyckman Street is case in point. An alternative would be connecting the greenways at 218 Street and through Inwood Hill Park as part of Parks Master Plan, but that appears to be years away and safety risk is immediate.

2. Improve existing East/West bound bike lanes crosstown on 218th Street by upgrading to protected bike paths.

Depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Lanes." Improvement is intended to facilitate all cyclists to safely circumnavigate Manhattan by joining East and Westside Greenways and is in accord with Parks Master Plan.

3. Install West bound crosstown bike lane or sharrows on 177th and 179th Street.

Depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Route," but not implemented. Important connection to 181st St bike overpass to Westside greenway and connection to GW Bridge.

4. Install East bound crosstown bike lane or sharrows on 180th Street.

Not depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Route," but depicted on 181st St. Important connection to 181st St bike overpass to Westside greenway and connection to GW Bridge, may be more feasible than bike lanes/sharrows on 181st St.

5. Install West bound crosstown bike lane or sharrows on 157th Street.

Depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Route," but not implemented. Important connection to 158th Street bike ramp to Westside greenway and entry to Eastside greenway at 155th St.

6. Install East bound crosstown bike lane or sharrows on 158th Street

Depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Route," but not implemented. Important connection to 158th St. bike ramp to Westside greenway and entry to Eastside greenway at 155th St.

North/South Avenues and Greenways

1. Extend the West Side Greenway bike path, installing a North/South bound bike path along the Hudson River, crossing Dyckman Street, through the western border of Inwood Hill Park¹ connecting to the Henry Hudson Bridge and with through Inwood Hill Park to 218th Street.

¹ It should be noted that the Traffic and Transportation Committee of CB12M does not directly make suggestions and recommendations for areas within the parks of upper Manhattan. These suggestions should be directed to the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee for comments and recommendations.

Requested extension appears to be depicted in Parks Master Plan, but not implemented.

2. Install North/South bound bike lanes and/or sharrows on Amsterdam Ave from 161st St to 191st St. and on St Nicholas from Fort George to Dyckman St.

Depicted on 2012 cycling map, in part, as "Bike Route," but not implemented.

3. Extend the Croton Aqueduct Trail bike path on the mid-level of Highbridge Park² where feasible from West 155th Street north to Dyckman Street.

This requested extension is depicted in Parks Master Plan, but has not been implemented. This appears to be in planning with Parks Master Plan. Need to confirm. This is important because there is no access to the Eastside Greenway from 155th Street to Dyckman Street. Extending the trail will provide both safe recreational biking and safe commuting.

4. Install protected North/South bound bike paths on Broadway from 218th St. Bridge connecting to upgraded bike lanes on St. Nicholas Avenue at 168th to 155th St.

This project is depicted on the 2012 Cycling Map as "Bike Route," but has not implemented. Protected lanes on Broadway will provide neighborhoods with a primary safe cycling N/S artery connecting to St. Nicholas Avenue and protected lanes on the Upper West Side. Broadway and St. Nich Ave. are wide enough to accommodate this project. Protected lanes already partially installed at 160th St. Intersection.

5. Install North/South bound bike path on 10th Ave. from West 218th St. to University Heights Bridge with bike lanes connecting gap on 10th Ave. to Dyckman St.

Depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Route," but not implemented. Important for North/South commuters from Broadway Bridge to connect to East or West Side greenways. Avenue is wide with overhead subway tracks.

6. Connect with sharrows and repaint existing North/South bound bike lanes on both sides of Ft Washington Avenue from Broadway & West 159th St. to Margaret Corbin Circle.

Depicted, in part, on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Lanes," but not continuous. Bike sharrows can be added where not possible to connect bike lanes. Better double parking enforcement is required, including buses laying over on Margaret Corbin Drive.

7. Install a North/South bound bike path from existing bike lanes circling around Cloisters down the hill through Ft Tryon Park to connect to existing Riverside Drive/Seaman Avenue bike lanes.

Not planned. This will connect existing Ft. Washington Avenue/Ft. Tryon Park bike lanes to Seaman Avenue to create one continuous North/South bike lane between 160th Street to 218th Street. Good for both recreation and commuting, particularly northbound.

8. Improve existing North/South bound bike lanes on Seaman Ave. from Riverside to 218th Street and repave.

Repave and repaint existing bike lanes, install sharrows where needed near Isham Park. Road in poor condition.

9. Install North bound bike lane and/or sharrows on Cabrini Blvd from W. 179th Street to Ft. Tryon Park.

Depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Route," but not implemented. Traffic volume is light, making route desirable for cycling and connection to Riverside/181 Street/Westside Greenway overpass.

² Same as footnote #1

10. Install North/South bound bike lanes and/or sharrows on Nagle Street from Broadway intersection to 10th Ave intersection.

Depicted on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Route," but not implemented.
11. Install North bound bike lane sharrows on Riverside from 158th St to 169th St.

Not depicted on 2012 cycling map. Riverside Ave. provides a good West side cycling route with light traffic.
12. Improve existing South bound bike lane on Haven Ave. between W. 168-177th Sts.

Depicted, in part, on 2012 cycling map as "Bike Lanes," but not continuous and needs repaint and/or install sharrows in any gaps.
13. Install North/South bound bike path on Fort George Hill from Hillside Ave to Dyckman St.

Depicted on 2012 Cycling Map as "Bike Route," but not implemented.

Access to and over Bridges

1. Over Henry Hudson Bridge, improve and widen the North/South bound bike path to the Bronx and provide connection to Westside Greenway.

Requested access depicted in Parks Master Plan, but not implemented. This appears to be in planning with Parks Master Plan, however the narrow width of existing bike and pedestrian path on bridge forces cyclists to dismount.
2. Over Broadway Bridge, include North/South bound bike path in planned Bridge reconstruction.

Bridge to be reconstructed in next few years, need to confirm that design will include protected two way bike path.
3. Over University Heights Bridge, install East/West bound bike path over bridge and North/South bound bike path through the planned Sherman Creek Waterfront Redevelopment and through Swindlers Cove connecting to Dyckman St. and Eastside greenway.

Not planned, but CB12 Parks Committee plans to revise Sherman Creek redevelopment to include bike lanes along waterfront. Would close the waterfront gap for cyclists circumnavigating NYC and provide crucial link over University Bridge to planned bike path through Van Cortlandt Park to provide safe bike access to points north (Westchester, etc).
4. Over the High Bridge, complete and open the planned East/West planned bike path.

Planned as part of Master Parks Plan and Highbridge Park renovations.
5. Approaching GW Bridge, install North/South bound protected bike path on Cabrini Blvd between 177 – 178th Sts., which would provide 2 way protected bike access connecting GW Bridge path to 177th St.; install a less steep access bike path from Westside greenway to 181st Street and GW Bridge; and clearly mark with signage and sharrows safer routes from Westside Greenway and 181st Street overpass through GWB bus station to GW bike path entrance.

Planned as part of Master Parks Plan, in part, and depicted and planned, in part, 4 years ago on "Pedestrian Study and Recommendations, Dept of City Planning, Feb 2008," but never implemented.



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June 27, 2012

Hon. Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane 37th Fl.
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (31) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain requesting the NYC Dept. of Transportation to recognize co-naming the southeast corner of St. Nicholas Avenue & West 162 Street, J. Max Bond, Jr. Way in his honor.

Whereas: The pioneering African-American architect and educator, J. Max Bond, Jr. resided at 434 West 162nd Street for 32 years, from 1973 until 2005; and

Whereas: Max Bond's critical involvement in Columbia University's Audubon Biomedical Science and Technology Park has left a vibrant and growing legacy in Washington Heights; and

Whereas: An integral part of this Audubon Biomedical Science and Technology Park is the preserved section of the Audubon Ballroom where Malcolm X was assassinated, now the Malcolm X and Dr. Belty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center; and

Whereas: Max Bond was not only an architect but also a prominent educator at both Columbia University and the City College of New York; and

Whereas: Max Bond persevered and excelled in the study and practice of architecture, despite the racism he experienced at Harvard University and later in his profession; and

Whereas: Max Bond never flagged in his pursuit of racial and economic justice within the architectural community and the greater society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12M requests that the southeast corner of St. Nicholas Avenue and West 162nd Street be co-named as J. Max Bond, Jr. Way in his honor.

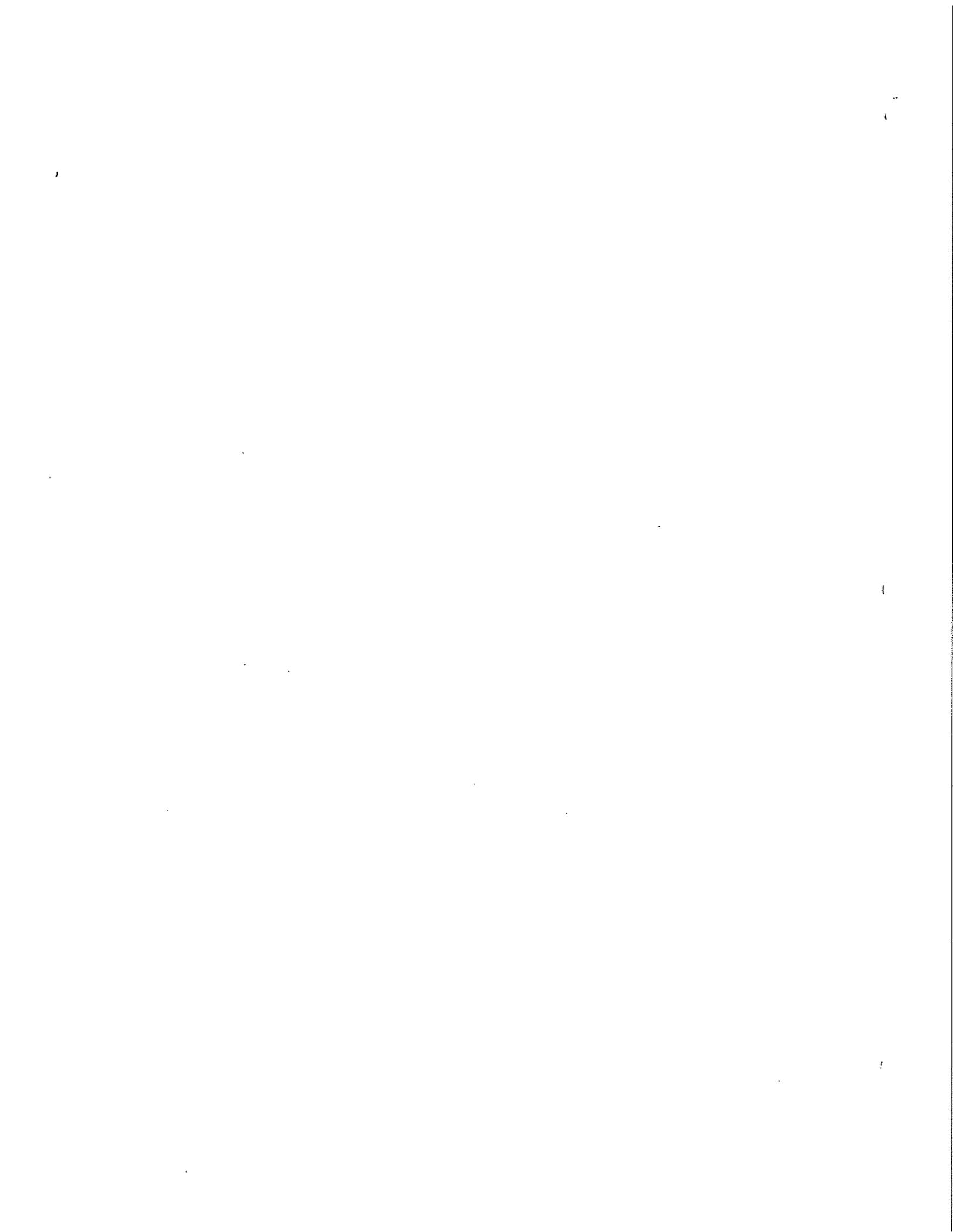
Thank you for your interest in this matter. We look forward to a favorable response to our request.

Sincerely,

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Pamela Palanque-North
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Hon. Robert Jackson
Council Member
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez
Council Member
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Council Members Jackson and Rodriguez:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan, June 26, 2012, the board passed a resolution with a vote of (31) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain in support of the continued postponement of the renovation of the Stephen A. Schwarzman NYPL and the sale of Mid-Manhattan Library and Science Industry Business Library (SIBL) under the "Central Library Plan (CPL)"

WHEREAS: In March 2008 the New York Public Library (NYPL) announced its proposal to renovate the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street as the Central Library Plan; and

WHEREAS: The Central Library Plan provides for selling the Mid-Manhattan Library and Science Industry Business Library and integrating those services in the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building; and

WHEREAS: The Central Library Plan will cost \$300 million, half in taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS: Since the announcement, the Central Library Plan has been postponed due to New York City budget cuts; and

WHEREAS: The NYPL system has been cut by \$20.7 million since Fiscal Year 2008; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 12-Manhattan is in general support of all plans that will improve and expand access to libraries in every community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the Mayor and the City Council to move forward on the Central Library Plan only after the past funding cuts to the libraries are fully restored and after conducting an Economic Impact Study on the impact of the plan on other libraries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the City Council to conduct borough-wide public hearings on the issue.

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Hon. Catherine Nolan, Assembly Member
Chair of the New York State Assembly Education Committee
41-02 Queens Blvd., Suite 2B
Sunnyside, NY 11104

Hon. Catherine Nolan:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan, June 26, 2012, the board passed a resolution with a vote of (30) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain in support of the passage of Assembly Bill 4760-2011/Senate Bill 595-2011 Buses for the Disabled. An ACT to amend the education law, in relation to permitting boards of education to grant parents or guardians, physically limited by a disability, the ability to obtain bus services for their children.

WHEREAS: Current law requires a school district to provide transportation for all children attending kindergarten through eighth grade who live more than two miles from the school they legally attend and for children attending grades 9-12 who live more than three miles from the school they legally attend; transportation shall be provided for such children up to a distance of 15 miles, the distances in each case measured by the nearest available route from home to school; and

WHEREAS: Current busing policy under the N.Y. State Education Law has a disproportionate impact on parents with disabilities who are unable to provide transportation for their children or escort their children to and from school due to their disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Local school boards do not have the authority to grant exceptions in situations where extra bus services are needed; and

WHEREAS: The legislation pending in the N.Y. State Legislature, A.4760/S.595, would amend the law to empower school districts to have discretion in determining individual need for public busing to local schools; and

WHEREAS: Passage and implementation of this bill would be a strong measure to support the ability of local school districts, including the N.Y.C. Department of Education, to expand access and provide the highest quality education to all of the children that they serve; and

WHEREAS: On June 14, 2011, the State Senate unanimously passed S.595; and

WHEREAS: The companion bill, A.4760, was removed from the Assembly Education Committee's agenda for the legislative session that just ended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon Assembly Member Catherine Nolan, Chair of the New York State Assembly Education Committee, to bring A.4760 up for a vote in her committee and calls upon the New York State Assembly as a whole to pass this bill when it reconvenes in the fall.

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Dear Commissioners Sadik-Khan & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (30)In Favor, (1)Opposed, (0) supporting the Department of Transportation's proposed safety improvements at the Incarnation School and at P.S. 132 to ensure the safety of students, teachers and parents.

Whereas: The New York City Department of Transportation's School Traffic Safety Program has identified two schools in our community where it plans to take steps to improve the safety of pedestrians, including students, teachers and parents; and

Whereas: One of the schools identified is the Incarnation School on West 175th Street between Audubon and St. Nicholas Avenues, where crosswalks will be painted, stop bars installed and curb extensions built; and

Whereas: The other school is P.S. 132 on Wadsworth Avenue between West 182nd and West 183rd Streets, where neck-downs for all corners at West 182nd and West 183rd Streets and St. Nicholas & Wadsworth Avenues will be installed to shorten the street crossing; and

Whereas: These improvements for both schools will not only ensure pedestrian safety but also serve as traffic calming measures, and work will commence around both schools in the summer of 2013; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the Department of Transportation's proposed safety improvements at the Incarnation School and at P.S. 132 to ensure the safety of students, teachers and parents.

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. Michael J. Bloomberg, Mayor
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Hon. Margaret Forgiione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane 37th Fl.
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Dear Commissioners Sadik-Khan & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (30) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain establishing criteria and standards for street co-naming in Community Board #12, Manhattan.

Streets located within the boundaries of Manhattan's Community Board 12 (CB12M) will be considered for co-naming in honor of individuals or organizations, subject to the following criteria established by the Board. The standards set forth in this document are only guidelines for the Board. No single guideline should be determinative.

- Street co-naming requests will be heard by CB12M's Traffic & Transportation Committee. If the Committee so recommends, the application will be brought before the full Board for approval.
- Requests for street co-naming will only be accepted twice yearly, at its October and April meetings. All requests must be accompanied by a street co-naming application and a petition of community support in order to be considered by the CB's traffic and transportation committee and must be submitted to the Community Board office at least four weeks prior to the scheduled committee meeting. Applicants who fail to submit the required material to the Community Board office at least four weeks prior to the scheduled committee meeting may not have their application reviewed by the committee until the next scheduled meeting for handling such matters.
- Prospective honorees should have a minimum of 10 years of community involvement and should have demonstrated an extraordinary and consistent voluntary commitment and dedication to the community, or have contributed significantly to New York City or the nation and have lived in or otherwise are identified with the Washington Heights-Inwood community in a substantial way. Individual prospective honorees must be deceased for at least two years prior to consideration. Exceptions may be made, however, for individuals who die under especially tragic circumstances related to crime, accident, disease, social circumstance, military service or the like, or if the death itself leads to a greater awareness within society of the cause of death and a concerted effort to address that problem. The Board may also in its discretion approve a co-naming where the proponent sets forth a rationale that, although not falling precisely within these guidelines, demonstrates extraordinary and highly acclaimed accomplishment or involvement linked to Washington Heights-Inwood to such an extent that it meets the spirit of these guidelines.
- An application to co-name a street for an individual or organization already honored in a similar fashion in New York City will be discouraged by the Committee.

- In general, the street or corner to be co-named will be the street or corner closest to the former residence of the prospective honoree, or the place with which (s)he is most closely associated. In general, multiple co-namings of the same street or corner are discouraged.
- The Board may deny an application if it feels, in its sole discretion, that such a co-naming despite meeting all of its customary guidelines would tend to bring disrepute upon the community for any reason or would not, in the opinion of the Board, be looked upon favorably by an overwhelming majority of the residents of the district. If an application is denied by the Committee or the Board, another application on behalf of the prospective honoree will not be considered for five years from the date of the denial.
- Each application will be considered on its own merits, without regard to precedence.

Instructions for Street Co-Naming Requests

Please review the attached guidelines before filling out an application for a street co-naming in Community District 12-Manhattan, which covers the area from West 155th Street to West 220th Street, from the Hudson River to the Harlem River Drive.

Please submit the following:

1. A Street Co-Naming application, which must be completely filled out, including the proposed honoree's name, former address and a succinct yet detailed outline indicating why the person should be bestowed the honor of having a street co-named after him or her.
2. A brief biography of the proposed honoree, including the date and location of birth, when the individual became part of the Washington Heights-Inwood community, the connection between the proposed street to be co-named and the prospective honoree, and why (s)he should be memorialized with a street co-naming.
3. The total number of residences and businesses on the affected block or blocks, e.g.: xx apartment buildings with yy units and zz ground-floor businesses.
4. A petition demonstrating community support for the co-naming proposal, which must include the name and location of the proposed co-naming and a brief summary of the reason for same; must be signed by a minimum of 150 people, a majority of whom reside or have businesses within a two-block radius of the proposed co-naming; and must include the printed name and address of each person signing.

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

Sincerely,

for 
Pamela Palanque-North
Chair

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Dear Commissioners Sadik-Khan & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (31) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain supporting New York City Department of Transportation Safe Streets for Seniors projects in our community and calling upon the New York City Department of Transportation to develop additional ones.

Whereas: Seniors comprise only 12% of the population of Community District 12-Manhattan but 38% of pedestrian fatalities; and

Whereas: In an effort to reduce the incidence of senior and all pedestrian injuries and deaths, the Mayor and the Commissioners of the Department for the Aging and the Department of Transportation (DOT) launched Safe Streets for Seniors, a major pedestrian safety initiative for older New Yorkers in January 2008; and

Whereas: After examining accident histories across the city, DOT identified 25 city neighborhoods that have both a high density of senior citizens and a high number of pedestrian accidents or injuries; and

Whereas: DOT examined variables like visibility, lighting, drivers' compliance with traffic signals and the width of the roadway, and evaluated pedestrian conditions in these neighborhoods from a senior's perspective; and

Whereas: Seniors reported not having enough time to cross the street, broken or missing pedestrian ramps, faded and hard-to-see markings, and turning vehicles failing to yield; and

Whereas: DOT will make engineering changes, such as extending pedestrian crossing times and shortening crossing distances, altering curbs and sidewalks, restricting vehicle turns and narrowing roadways; and

Whereas: DOT has determined that there are two intersections in the Washington Heights Senior Service Area that require such changes: 1) Broadway, Wadsworth Avenue & West 173rd Street and 2) Fort George Hill, St. Nicholas Avenue, Audubon Avenue & West 193rd Street; and

Whereas: In what is called the "Hamilton Heights" Senior Service Area, which overlaps Manhattan Community Districts 9 and 12, the intersections to be addressed are Broadway and West 155th Street, Amsterdam Avenue and West 155th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue from West 155th to 159th Streets; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports these Safe Streets for Seniors projects in our community and calls upon the New York City Department of Transportation to develop additional ones.

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

Sincerely,


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Chair

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July 3, 2012

Hon. Dennis Walcott
Chancellor
Department of Education
52 Chambers St.
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Walcott:

Please be advised that Community Board 12-Manhattan, at its general meeting on June 26, 2012, passed by a vote of 30-0-0 the following resolution in support of the "Healthy Food, Healthy Community" program proposed by the Community Health Academy of the Heights:

Whereas: The development of a deep understanding of community health, healthy eating and healthy lifestyle is a basic tenet of the vision of the Community Health Academy of the Heights (CHAH), a Title I, grades 6-12, public school located in Washington Heights and co-sponsored by the Community League of the Heights, and where over 90% of students receive free or subsidized breakfast and lunch at school; and

Whereas: The "Healthy Food, Healthy Community" initiative calls for the development of an innovative model that integrates food services into both the educational and community life of the school by

- 1) Giving students an understanding of where their food comes from and how it arrives at the table,
- 2) Giving students access to less-processed, fresher foods prepared on-site in the school's kitchen, and
- 3) Giving students and community members the ability to use the kitchen for educational purposes after school hours,

thus allowing CHAH's program to serve as a replicable healthy-school-food model for other schools; and

Whereas: In January 2013, CHAH is scheduled to relocate to the newly built Lucille Bulger Center for Community Life on West 158th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue, providing the opportunity for the "Healthy Food, Healthy Community" initiative to directly benefit not only CHAH students but also members of the surrounding community through food-related programming, including cooking classes, a food pantry and collaborative community gardening; and

Whereas: One in five adults in Washington Heights-Inwood is obese, according to the most recent Community Health Profile issued by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and likewise it is believed that a higher than average rate of children in this community also suffers from obesity, due in large part to unhealthy eating habits; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the combined efforts of Community Health Academy of the Heights students, parents and educators; Community League of the Heights; representatives of the Columbia University Medical Center and other community stakeholders in implementing the "Healthy Food, Healthy Community" school food program.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this resolution. We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,


for Pamela Palanque-North
Chair

c: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Bill De Blasio, Public Advocate
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
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Mark House, Principal, Community Health Academy of the Heights
Yvonne Stennett, Executive Director, Community League of the Heights



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June 27, 2012

Hon. Mathew M. Wambua
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development
100 Gold Street
New York, NY 10038

Hon. Lilliam Barris-Paoli
Commissioner
NYC Department for the Aging
2 Lafayette Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioners Wambua & Barris-Paoli:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (31) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (1) Abstain, that Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends to the NYC Housing Preservation & Development and the Department for the Aging that all newly constructed housing stock be ADA compliant with the new housing laws in place that require all reasonable modifications structurally, accommodations which will allow persons with disabilities (PWD) to access and be mobile and fully enjoyment all housing and related facility uses.

Whereas, The vast majority Community District 12 Manhattan (CD12M) housing stock is 60 to 100 years old, and predating the ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990) and the earliest NYC Local Laws that address accessibility by decades (1961, adopted in 1968 and Local Law 58 of 1987), therefore many buildings are not accessible, and;

Whereas, Testimony was given on June 7, 2012, by the Director of NYC Commission on Human Rights Equal ACCESS; who spoke about the challenges individuals with disabilities are faced with and that they have represented over 400 cases in NYC and in most cases landlords have claimed economic hard ship when requested to provide equal access and reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities, and;

Whereas, These physical barriers have caused many residents in Community District 12 Manhattan to become prisoners in their apartments, and;

Whereas, The population of people with disabilities is expected to rapidly increase in our community over the next decade as many adults age in place and as veterans return home or relocate within our community; and for those who might become disabled, and;

Whereas, The FHA (Federal Housing Act of 1968, amended in 1988) requires newly constructed four or more unit multi-family housing intended for first occupancy after March 13, 1991 to have: an accessible entrance, common and public areas; doors that accommodate wheelchairs; accessible routes into and through each unit; light switches, electrical outlets, and thermostats in accessible location; reinforced bathroom walls to accommodate grab bars; and kitchens and bathrooms that a wheelchair user can maneuver in, and;

Whereas, Title III of the ADA states that owners of certain buildings must remove barriers and provide people with disabilities with access equal to or similar to that available to the general public and The FHA and the ADA require reasonable accommodations for example allowing persons with disabilities (PWDs) to make reasonable modifications i.e. structural modification to allow PWDs the full enjoyment of the housing and related facilities, and;

Sincerely,

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Pamela Palanque-North
Chairperson
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