



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan  
Washington Heights & Inwood**

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Hon. Bill de Blasio  
Mayor  
City of New York  
City Hall  
New York N.Y. 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 Community Board 12-Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (24)In favor, (0)Opposed, (1)Abstain, recommending the Mayor to fill the current four vacancies on the NYC Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) or any subsequent vacancy with appointees who themselves represent diverse communities and that there be complete and thorough vetting of these appointees and their biographical information be posted and made available to the public.

WHEREAS, The New York City Rent Guidelines Board is composed of nine members consisting of two members appointed to represent tenant interests, two members appointed to represent owner interests, and five members (including the chairperson) appointed to represent the general public; and

WHEREAS, There are now four vacancies on the current NYC Rent Guidelines Board (RGB): two public members (including the chairperson), one owner's representative, and one tenant member; and

WHEREAS, The NYC Rent Guidelines Board listens to public testimony, undertakes detailed housing studies, and then votes on an annual basis city-wide rent changes for rent regulated tenants based on what it considers a fair balance between owner's income and operating costs to owners and burdens to tenants; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the Mayor fill the current four vacancies or any subsequent vacancy with appointees who themselves represent diverse communities, who live in a wide cross section of rent regulated buildings throughout the City of New York and who work in diverse occupations with a wide range of income levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends there be complete and thorough vetting of these appointees and their biographical information be posted and made available to the public at the time of their appointments.

Thank you for your continued support and a favorable consideration to our resolution.

Sincerely,  
  
George Fernandez, Jr.  
Chair

cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator  
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator

Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member  
Hon. Gabriela Rosa, Assembly Member  
Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member  
Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member