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Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
55 Water Street 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10041

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

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg & Acting Commissioner Resnick :

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, March 25, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (34) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain, supporting DoT's proposal to temporarily relocate the Markets within the Community and the immediate vicinity of the existing markets and suggesting that DoT temporarily modify parking on one of the community's wider streets to accommodate angled parking to absorb a portion of those spaces displaced during the Street Plaza construction.

WHEREAS:: New York City Department of Transportation (DoT) and Department of Design and Construction (DDC) came before the Committee to discuss solicit suggestions regarding the temporarily relocation of the seasonal 175th Street Greenmarket and La Plaza De Las Americas Street Vendors Market which are co-located on 175th Street between Broadway and Wadsworth Avenue next to United Palace Cathedral, during the construction of a NYC Street Plaza (the 175th Street Plaza); and

WHEREAS: this Committee and subsequently CB12M supported the construction of 175th Street Plaza to be administered (operated, maintained, and managed) by Washington Heights and Inwood Development Corporation (WHIDC) in March 2011

WHEREAS: WHIDC administers the seasonal Greenmarket and Street Vendors Market; and

WHEREAS: Greenmarket uses the space on Thursday, from the last Thursday in June until the week before Thanksgiving and the Street Vendors Market use it on all other weekdays; and

WHEREAS: the NYC Plaza Program is a key part of New York City's effort to ensure that all New Yorkers live within a 10-minute walk of quality open space; and

WHEREAS: the proposed plaza will include an extensive treescape, fixed benches, moveable tables and chairs, an automatic public toilet, pedestrian lighting, a drinking fountain and a combined information kiosk and storage space, in accordance with the public's wishes; and

WHEREAS: DoT and DDC were seeking suggestions and feedback on proposed temporary relocation of the Market during construction of the 175th Street Plaza; and

WHEREAS; DoT AND DDC are considering moving the Markets to 175th Street between Wadsworth Avenue and St Nicholas Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Construction would likely result in the temporary loss of approximately 25 parking spots on north side of 175th Street during the Markets and about twelve overnight and weekend parking space on both sides of 175th Street between Broadway and Wadsworth Avenue; and

WHEREAS;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Community Board 12 Manhattan supports DoT's proposal to temporarily relocate the Markets within the community and the immediate vicinity of the existing markets with the following additions: it was suggested that DoT temporarily modify parking on one of the community's wider streets to accommodate angled parking to absorb a portion of those parking spaces displaced during the Street Plaza construction.

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

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Leitia James, Public Advocate
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Bill Perkins, NY State Senator
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, NY State Senator
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Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member
Hon. Margaret Forgiione - Man. Borough Commissioner