



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan**  
**Washington Heights & Inwood**  
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September 29, 2014

Hon. Polly Trottenberg Commissioner NYC Dept. of Transportation 55 Water Street 9 <sup>th</sup> Fl. New York, NY 10041	Mr. Patrick Burke Assistant Vice President of Capital Projects Columbia University Medical Center 650 W. 168th Street New York, NY 10032	Hon. Steve Corwin, President CEO - New York Presbyterian Hospital 177 Fort Washington Avenue 1st Floor New York, NY 10032
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Dear Commissioner Trottenberg, Mr. Burke & President Corwin:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (33) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (1) Abstain, supporting the proposed initial phase of upgrading the CUMC and NYPH streetscape recommending that the benches be placed near security booths for enhanced security.

Whereas: Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) and New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) jointly play a central role in the Washington Heights and general NYC community as a healthcare provider and educational center; and

Whereas: CUMC and NYPH would like to provide a more attractive streetscape and sidewalk presentation for community residents and visitors to the area; and

Whereas: CUMC and NYPH have worked together with DOT and DDC in order to create a proposal for ways to enhance the beautification of the area and in addition to provide greater safety for pedestrians; and

Whereas: CUMC and NYPH presented an initial "Phase #1" for the upgrade to the streetscape which begins near the 168<sup>th</sup> Street subway station, referred to as the "gateway" to the campus; and

Whereas: Elements of the upgrade include adding bike racks, safer curbs, planters, and benches; now therefore be it

Resolved: CB12M supports the proposed initial phase of upgrading the CUMC and NYPH streetscape, and be it further

Resolved: That CB12M recommends that the benches be placed near security booths for enhanced security.

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

Sincerely,

  
George Fernández, Jr.  
Chair



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Hon. Margaret Forgiione  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Dept. of Transportation  
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New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner's Trottenberg & Forgiione:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (33) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain, supporting the installation of the Patriot artwork project at the 187<sup>th</sup> Step Street.

Whereas: The West 187<sup>th</sup> Step Street between Ft. Washington Avenue and Overlook Terrace is traversed daily by many local residents; and

Whereas: The "Patriot Project" was presented by the DOT art program whose goal is to enhance the beauty of the streets with attractive artwork; and

Whereas: The specific project was designed in order to honor the 2,838 soldiers who lost their lives in the Battle of Fort Washington in this very area who fought for our country's independence with a ribbon made up of blue and red paint; and

Whereas: The project was scheduled to begin subsequent to the presentation to the committee and had since been completed and will stay for the duration of a year, with periodic repainting to be done due to harsh weather conditions; now therefore be it

Resolved: CB12M supports the installation of the Patriot artwork project at the 187<sup>th</sup> Step Street.

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

Sincerely,  
  
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| cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor                | Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman          | Hon. Ydannis Rodriguez, Council Member |
| Hon. Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President | Hon. Bill Perkins, NY State Senator          | Hon. Mark Levine, Council Member       |
| Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate           | Hon. Adriano Espallat, NY State Senator      |  |
| Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller              | Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member |  |