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## Community Board 12M

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October 30, 2015

Hon. Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Speaker  
New York City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Mark-Viverito:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (32)In favor; (0)Opposed; (1)Abstain; recommending to the City Council that at West 214<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, on the west side, in front of Carrot Top Pastries, be co-named Renee Mancino Way.

Whereas: Renee Mancino was a powerhouse of a personality who made a lasting impression with her baking skills and largesse who came from Cleveland, Ohio to the Big Apple in the early 1970's to pursue a career in mortuary science; and

Whereas: Renee settled in New York City, became engaged, found a job in her chosen career, had a child, but unfortunately her first career was derailed by a car accident; and

Whereas: Knowing she had to have an income, Renee fell back on her Midwestern traditions and training to her Grandma's old-fashioned recipes and bake sales, and that is the story of Carrot Top Pastries inception; and

Whereas: From a small one-bedroom apartment in Inwood, Renee began baking from a residential kitchen and her first client lists included inmates from all the local prisons, including Sing-Sing, Rikers Island and several more, and her view on this special act of kindness was that even the incarcerated deserved the indulgences of homemade pastries; and

Whereas: Life went on and as luck would have it another bump in the road occurred; during a visit from Ohio, Renee's youngest brother, while being trained to help his sister's growing business, experienced a serious incident with a sharp-edged knife; New York's Finest were called and Police Officer Robert Mancino stepped into Renee's life; and

Whereas: A brick and mortar building was found at 5025 Broadway on West 214<sup>th</sup> Street; while renovations took place under Robert's direction, Carrot Top Pastries had a real home now and he took early retirement from the NYPD and became an active partner with the new Mrs. Renee Mancino; and

Whereas: Renee was known equally for her delicious baked goods and remarkable dedication to the community as she generously donated for over 35 years to houses of worship, senior centers, little leagues, neighborhood groups, cultural institutions, historic houses, colleges, universities, police, fire and sanitation departments in the Washington Heights-Inwood community; and

Whereas: Renee baked for Morgan Freeman, Stevie Wonder, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Harrison Ford, Roberta Flack, Richard Pryor and hundreds of other celebrities and thousands of Washington Heights-Inwood community residents since 1979; and

Whereas: The community was graced by Renee's quirky sense of humor and remarkable way of putting one at ease; all this was gently folded into her tasty and so delightful delicacies; she will forever be loved, admired and missed; now, therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that West 214<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, on the west side, in front of Carrot Top Pastries, be co-named Renee Mancino Way.

Sincerely,



George Fernandez, Jr.  
Chairman - CB12 M

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller  
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman  
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WHEREAS: An LGBTQ Task Force would be consistent with CB 12's stated goal to "have an important advisory role in...the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters relating to the community's welfare. Board 12 is here to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers residing in the community";

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: CB 12 Manhattan establishes an LGBTQ Task Force, and directs its Chair to appoint initial members to the Task Force and shall operate and function per CB 12 M By-laws.

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Hon. Gail A. Brewer  
Manhattan Borough President  
One Centre Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Fl. South  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Borough President Brewer:

At the General Meeting on Oct. 27, 2015 Community Board 12M passed a resolution with a vote of (33)In favor; (0)Opposed (0); (0)Abstained with a recommendation to create LGBTQ Task Force would be consistent with CB 12's stated goal to "have an important advisory role in the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters relating to the community's welfare. Board 12 is here to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers residing in the community";

WHEREAS: There is a substantial population of LGBTQ people in the District of Community Board 12 Manhattan;

WHEREAS: This population includes people of all ages, ethnicities, genders, abilities, incomes, and life circumstances;

WHEREAS: Service providers, public offices, businesses, and other organizations do not consistently include the District's LGBTQ population in their assessments of District needs, advocacy, program development, and/or service delivery;

WHEREAS: There is a need for the above to be expanded to include and/or to target more carefully the District's LGBTQ population;

WHEREAS: Service providers may need additional education to be able to serve the District's population appropriately;

WHEREAS: Citywide providers of service to the LGBTQ population may need to be informed of Upper Manhattan needs and/or encouraged to provide appropriate services;

WHEREAS: There is not a consistent District voice educating and advocating for LGBTQ concerns;

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