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October 30, 2020

Hon. Corey Johnson
Speaker NYC Council
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Resolution requesting to Co-Name Co-Name corner of Dyckman Street and Nagle Avenue,
"Isaiah Che Moronta Way."**

Dear Speaker, Johnson:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, with a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 not voting, Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution asking that the New York City Council designate the northwest corner of Dyckman Street and Nagle Avenues, "Isaiah Che Moronta Way."

Whereas: Isaiah Che Moronta (Isaiah) was born on July 27, 2006, to Oscar Moronta and Yvelise Beltre, who grew up in Washington Heights and Inwood. They gave their new son the biblical name of Isaiah, in Hebrew, "Yahweh is salvation";

Whereas: Isaiah lived life to its fullest and was known to many young people (and many of their parents) in his neighborhood. He attended PS/MS 278. He loved sports and played basketball at Dyckman's famous courts. On March 13, 2020, Isaiah dove fearlessly into Spuyten Duyvil Creek to save a drowning friend. Unfortunately, the currents were too strong, and they both perished; and

Whereas: Isaiah was not only a good friend but a generous and honorable person who impacted the lives of the people with whom he came in contact. One father of a son who had been subjected to bullying described Isaiah as "a hero in my eyes. He is a hero to my son, who was being bullied by others in school, but when Isaiah stepped in and put a stop to the bullying, my son's life changed."

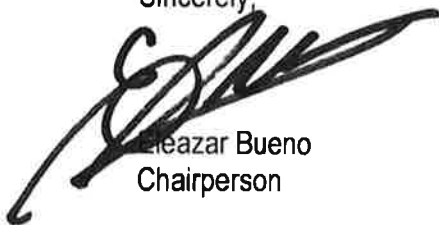
Whereas: An only child himself, Isaiah acted as a big brother to many children in the neighborhood; one mother remarked that "Isaiah was such a gentleman. He walked my daughter home every day after school so she wouldn't cross the bridge by herself." After his passing, his parents heard many more stories of his bravery, like this one; and

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Whereas: Isaiah was a person of generous spirit, and he was admired by people of all ages, as evidenced by the many people who signed a petition in support of this street co-naming and by the hundreds of children (and adults) who have visited the mural in his honor on the corner of Dyckman Street and Nagle Avenue; and

Resolved: To honor Isaiah Che Moronta, to maintain his generous spirit in the life of his neighborhood, and to preserve his story in the history of the community, CB12 Manhattan asks that the New York City Council designate the northwest corner of Dyckman Street and Nagle Avenues, "Isaiah Che Moronta Way."

Sincerely,



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**Re: Resolution requesting to Co-Name 168th Street, between Broadway & Ft. Washington Avenue,
"Healthcare Heroes Way"**

Dear Speaker, Johnson:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, with a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 not voting, Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution asking that the New York City Council designate W. 168th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue "Healthcare Heroes Way", along with a notation about CUIMC/NYP and the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020.

Whereas: The Covid-19 / Novel Coronavirus pandemic of 2020 is the most critical global health threat in generations, and New York City was the initial epicenter of the COVID-19 epidemic in the United States, with over 260,000 cases as of late October 2020. The almost 24,000 deaths in this period are over ten times the number of people who perished at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas: New York-Presbyterian / Columbia University Irving Medical Center was at the forefront of the first wave (deluge) of COVID-19 response in Manhattan and consequently played a key role both in the treatment of COVID-19 patients and the development of new protocols to improve outcomes and lower death rates. New York-Presbyterian Hospital is ranked fifth in the nation and first in the New York City metropolitan region by *U.S. News and World Report*. Together, New York Presbyterian-Columbia and NY-Presbyterian-Allen Hospital have almost 1,000 beds and during the height of the COVID-19 surge added many additional beds, both indoors and out; and

Whereas: Throughout every minute of every day of these tumultuous months, an extraordinary team of healthcare professionals at New York-Presbyterian / Columbia University Irving Medical Center worked tirelessly to help their fellow New Yorkers fight this new and dangerous disease. Medical students at Columbia University's Vagelos Medical School even graduated early to help join the fight. Doctors, nurses, first responders, and other medical personnel have put their lives at risk to ensure that all those diagnosed with COVID 19 are treated and cared for to the best of their ability; and

Whereas: The vast essential workforce of New York-Presbyterian / Columbia University Irving Medical Center also includes those who work in critical roles beyond healthcare delivery: custodial, food service, security staff, chaplains, administrative staff and others. Like the front-line medical staff and first responders, they came to work every day to care for all who came through the doors, even with the risks to themselves and their families;

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- Whereas: Each of these healthcare professionals has put their own lives at risk, distanced themselves from their own loved ones, and challenged the limits of their mental health and fortitude. Whatever their occupation in this time, they all embody the Florence Nightingale Pledge -- an oath those in the nursing profession take, which states -- I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care; and
- Whereas: Northern Manhattan is home to many other residents who responded to the worst public health emergency of our time, including many who work in the healthcare professions beyond NYP & CUIMC, as well as numerous committed volunteers who from day one helped their more vulnerable neighbors meet their daily needs;
- Resolved: To honor the thousands of dedicated medical and nursing professionals, EMTs, social workers, administrators, custodial and food service staff, volunteers, and others vital to the continuity of care during our City's darkest hour, Community Board 12 Manhattan asks that the New York City Council designate W. 168th Street between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue "Healthcare Heroes Way", along with a notation about CUIMC/NYP and the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020.

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Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Re: Requesting DOT to evaluate bike lane and traffic calming proposal for Riverside Drive from Broadway-Staff Street

Dear Commissioner, Trottenberg:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, with a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention, 0 not voting, Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution requesting that the New York City Department of Transportation evaluate the bike lane proposal, including study of current traffic conditions on both directions of Riverside Drive between Broadway and the Henry Hudson Parkway, and report on its evaluation to Community Board 12.

Whereas: Riverside Drive ("RSD") between Broadway and Staff Street has been the site of excessive speeding, as vehicles exit the Northbound Henry Hudson Parkway (HHP) at Dyckman Street and travel east, and as vehicles travel west from Broadway and head towards the HHP entrances and;

Whereas: RSD between Broadway and Staff Street has been the site of excessive speeding, as vehicles exit the Northbound Henry Hudson Parkway (HHP) at Dyckman Street and travel east. Similarly, the less trafficked right lane of westbound RSD (heading to HHP northbound) is often used to speed to the HHP highway entrances ahead of speed-limit obeying vehicles in the left lane and;

Whereas: There have been accidents with personal injury, and numerous instances of cars speeding off the northbound HHP and smashing through the signs at Henshaw Street while making the left turn and;

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Whereas: The current bike lane on Dyckman west of Broadway has been eliminated with the introduction of an Open Street and dining plaza between Broadway and Seaman Avenue, severing the connection to the Hudson River Greenway and the Dyckman Street bike lane east of Broadway and;

Whereas: A proposal has been made by Riverside Drive resident Daniel Pearlstein, for a two-way protected bike lane along the curb of westbound Riverside Drive from Broadway and continuing four blocks west to Staff Street. Metered and residential parking would be preserved, and would move to the current right-hand (westbound) travel lane. This proposal would provide safe, direct connectivity for cyclists from the Dyckman Street bike lane east of Broadway and to the Hudson River Greenway, and would also serve to calm traffic by reducing one westbound travel lane and;

Resolved: Community Board 12 Manhattan requests that the New York City Department of Transportation evaluate the bike lane proposal, including study of current traffic conditions on both directions of Riverside Drive between Broadway and the Henry Hudson Parkway, and report on its evaluation to Community Board 12.

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