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Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Fl
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Amanda M. Burden
Chair
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Christine Quinn
City Council Speaker
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Tierney, Ms. Burden and Ms. Quinn:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12-Manhattan, held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 a resolution in support of the NYC Landmark Preservation Commission's recommendation to designate the Fort Washington Presbyterian Church ("FWPC") a landmark building passed by the following vote: 31(In Favor) 0(Opposed) 0(Abstained).

Whereas: The NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission ("LPC") has recommended that Fort Washington Presbyterian Church ("FWPC") be designated as an individual landmark building and LPC's recommendation must now be considered by the City Council and the Department of City Planning; and

Whereas: FWPC is located at 21 Wadsworth Avenue between West 174th Street and West 175th Street and is a handsome neo-Georgian building that was completed in 1914. It was designed by Thomas Hastings, co-founder of Carrere & Hastings, one of the leading architectural firms in the United States known for its civic and institutional buildings such as the New York Public Library's main building at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street; and

Whereas: FWPC has served Washington Heights for nearly a century and is the work of an outstanding celebrated architect; and

Whereas: Community Board 12-Manhattan and the City College Architecture Center undertook a neighborhood planning and land use study of Washington Heights and Inwood which considers various matters including historic designation. FWPC is included in the study as building worthy of consideration to be designated as an individual landmark building; and

Whereas: A representative of FWPC attended the June 3, 2009 meeting of the Land Use committee and expressed the church's enthusiastic support for the proposed designation; therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the Landmarks Preservation Commission's recommendation to designate Fort Washington Presbyterian Church a landmark building.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez
Chairman

cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate
Honorable Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Charles B. Rangel, Congressman
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, NY State Senator
Honorable Bill Perkins, NY State Senator
Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member
Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member
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