



Community Board 12M

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April 29, 2005

Honorable Judith Calogero
Commissioner
NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal
NYS Housing Trust Fund Corp.
38-40 State Street
Hampton Plaza – 8th floor
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Commissioner Calogero:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution at its general meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

Whereas: The Community League of the Heights ("CLOTH"), the West Harlem Art Fund ("WHAF"), the Hispanic Society of America ("HSA"), and the architectural firm Davis, Brody, Bond LLP ("Davis, Brody, Bond") are working with Broadway business owners from West 155th to West 157th Street to stimulate economic activity surrounding the Audubon Terrace complex and the commercial gateway to Washington Heights, and

Whereas: CLOTH; WHAF; HSA and Davis, Brody, Bond are applying to the New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal for a New York Main Street Grant to fund 50% of the costs associated with new business façades and 100% of the marketing costs for the Audubon Terrace complex and its surrounding neighborhood, and

Whereas: The anchor grant portion can offer the HSA up to \$100,000 for structural improvements, and

Whereas: The proposal is an important step to encourage the HSA to remain in Washington Heights and continue as an important historical entity and community anchor, and

Whereas: This is also an opportunity to spotlight local merchants and their efforts to improve their businesses and thus help to sustain their existence in the community, and

Whereas: This grant is the start of a comprehensive strategy by the CLOTH for a potential Business Improvement District, which may or may not run the entire length of the CLOTH's Neighborhood Planning Study area from West 135th Street to West 175th Street on Broadway, therefore be it

Resolved: Manhattan Community Board 12 supports this application by CLOTH; WHAF; HSA and Davis, Brody, Bond to the New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal for a New York Main Street Grant to enhance the commercial gateway to Washington Heights on Broadway from West 155th to West 157th Street by providing 50% of the costs for business façade improvements and 100% of the marketing costs for Audubon Terrace complex and its surrounding neighborhood, and \$100,000 to the HSA for structural improvements; and

Be it Further Resolved: that Community Board 12, Manhattan urges the Hispanic Society of America to make a commitment to remain in the Washington Heights community.

We look forward to receiving your response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, State Assembly Member
Honorable Herman D. Farrell Jr., State Assembly Member
Honorable C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Robert Jackson, City Council Member
Honorable Miguel Martinez, City Council Member
Ms. Yvonne Stennett, Executive Director, Community League of the Heights
Ms. Savona Bailey McClain, Executive Director, West Harlem Art Fund
Mr. Mitchell A. Coddling, Executive Director, The Hispanic Society of America
Davis Brody Bond, LLP



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April 27, 2005

Mr. Robert Gormley
Department of Consumer Affairs
Legal Department
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: **Park Terrace Bistro**
4959 Broadway
New York, NY 10034
New Application: Unenclosed Sidewalk Café w/ 5 tables & 19 seats

Dear Mr. Gormley:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution on April 26, 2005 in support of the Park Terrace Bistro's unenclosed sidewalk café application.

Whereas: Karim Bouskou, owner, Park Terrace Bistro, 4959 Broadway (between Isham and West 207th St.), discussed his plans to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 19 seats at Manhattan Community Board 12's ("CB12") Economic Development Committee meeting on April 5, 2005; and

Whereas: Mr. Bouskou answered all questions from the committee and members of the public regarding the operation of the unenclosed sidewalk café; and

Whereas: Mr. Bouskou volunteered to participate in the City's Adopt-a-Basket Program, committed to keeping keeping the outdoor café area clean at all times, and agreed to meet with CB12's Traffic & Transportation Committee before implementing valet parking, and

Whereas: Members of the public at the April 5th meeting expressed support for the business and their plans to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cake; therefore be it

Resolved: Manhattan Community Board 12 recommends approval of the Park Terrace Bistro's application to the Department of Consumer Affairs for a license to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 19 seats.

Sincerely,

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Martin Collins
Chairman

Cc: Honorable Gretchen Dykstra, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Affairs
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member
Mr. Karim Bouskou, Park Terrace Bistro