



Community Board 12M

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Manny Velazquez, Chairman
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Vida Mexicana
223 Dyckman Street, (at corner of Broadway)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 33-0-1 recommending SLA **REJECT** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from the owners of Vida Mexicana at 233 Dyckman Street between Broadway & Seaman Avenue; and

Whereas, Neither the owner nor a representative attended the meeting and several residents were opposed, none were in favor, since there are five (5) active liquor licensed establishments on this two-block stretch of Dyckman Street between Broadway and Payson Avenue; Dyckman Street's existing noise level and increased noise from the proposed premises; the increased impact on vehicular congestion, traffic and parking on Dyckman Street that is already a problem; the heightened drain on NYPD resources at a time they can be least afforded; and

Whereas, The 34th precinct's Commanding Officer, Deputy Inspector Andrew Capul stated we are over-saturated with many liquor licenses on Dyckman Street from Nagle to Payson Avenue and that Dyckman Street has become a bar strip; and

Whereas, Given the opposition to the proposed premises from community residents and the 34th precinct, and the number of active on-premises liquor licenses on Dyckman Street, including five (5) between Broadway and Payson Avenue; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan does **not recommend** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Vida Mexicana at 233 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Seaman Avenue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manny Velazquez", is written over a circular stamp.

Manny Velazquez
Chairman

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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
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New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
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Re: Hashi Sushi Fusion Inc.
5009 Broadway, (at corner of W. 215th Street)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 34-0-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new restaurant wine license to the State Liquor Authority from Hashi Sushi Fusion at 5009 Broadway between West 213-214th Street; and

Whereas, The place is under renovation where a former tax preparation office operated; the general manager, Rosslinett Allen attended and discussed the method of operation on behalf of the owner, Lillian Rodriguez; Ms. Allen distributed the restaurant's extensive menu, which will serve Asian and Latin cuisine; it is 1,000 sq. ft.. with an occupancy of 45 people at 13 tables, 17 employees will be hired, including six (6) in the kitchen, and two (2) at the bar that has seven (7) barstools; the hours of operation are 11:00am-11:00pm, seven (7) days a week; and

Whereas, Ms. Allen distributed the architect's detailed design for the entire premise, which answered nearly all questions; she said there will be no TV's, soft background music for patrons to enjoy fine dining; the location is fully handicapped-accessible; Ms. Allen said everyone is aware a six-story residential building is above and the owner will see that noise is not a problem; cameras will be placed inside and outside; and

Whereas, There were no objections or concerns from the 34th precinct or community residents present; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Hashi Sushi Fusion at 5009 Broadway between West 213-214th Street; and be it further

Resolved: The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,



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Re: Sports Zone Café Inc.
263 Sherman Avenue, (bet. W. 207th & Isham Street)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 28-5-1 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Sports Zone Café at 263 Sherman Avenue near the southeast corner of Isham Street; and

Whereas, The minutes from the March 3, 2009 EDC meeting where Mr. Acosta appeared were read for the record where he agreed to the 45 stipulations in the Best Practices for Nightlife Establishments, which he reiterated at the April 7th meeting; the 34th precinct is opposed to a new liquor license and feels the area is saturated with many within a short distance, including Red Lounge at 238 Sherman Avenue; Melodia on Post Avenue; the Washington Heights Billiards on 207th Street between Post and 10th Avenue that CB12 approved despite the 34th precinct's objection; and

Whereas, The owner, Miguel Acosta discussed the method of operation for the place that was previously a restaurant and is currently under construction; Mr. Acosta owned Tinto, formerly the Drink Shoppe, at 4710 Broadway and there were very few complaints about Tinto, which closed due to the economy; Mr. Acosta's family has owned and operated several neighborhood businesses for the past 25 years, including accounting offices; the proposed premises layout and operation will be similar to Tinto; the hours of operation will be 4:00pm until 1:00am weekdays, 3:00am weekends as Mr. Acosta agreed to close at 3:00am on weekends after input from the 34th precinct and committee members; the place is 1,400 sq. ft. and the occupancy is 75-80 people; there will be 13-15 tables and the soundproofing is completed; a parking lot is around the corner on Post Avenue; they will have 5 to 7 employees; Mr. Acosta agreed to work closely with the 34th precinct and CB12 on any concern; and

Whereas, Sports Zone will have a selection of fine wines, extensive menu, and family atmosphere; three 42-inch TV screens for sporting events; the kitchen will remain open until 1:00am seven days and the menu will be similar to Tinto with steaks, burgers, pasta, salads, and appetizers; and

Whereas, There were no further concerns or objections or concerns from anyone at the meeting; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Sports Zone Café at 263 Sherman Avenue near the southeast corner of Isham Street with the stipulation the establishment will close at 3:00am on weekend nights as the owner agreed to at the April 7th meeting; and be it further

Resolved, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,



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New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **La Oaxaquena Restaurant Corp.**
1969 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 158th & W. 157th St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 32-1-0 recommending SLA **REJECT** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for La Oaxaquena Restaurant at 1969 Amsterdam Avenue (bet. West 157-158th Street); and

Whereas, There is past adverse history for the premises and the 33rd precinct questioned its operation; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan does **not recommend** the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for La Oaxaquena Restaurant at 1969 Amsterdam Avenue (bet. West 157-158th Street).

Sincerely,

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Re: **Brother Fish Market Inc. dba Brother Fish Market**
3845 Broadway, (bet. W. 160th & W. 161st St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 30-0-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the eating place beer license for Brother Fish Market Inc. (dba Brother Fish Market) at 3845 Broadway (bet. West 160-161st Street); and

Whereas, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the restaurant wine license for the establishment; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the eating place beer license for Brother Fish Market Inc. (dba Brother Fish Market) at 3845 Broadway (bet. West 160-161st Street).

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **La Estufa, Inc.**
5025-5035 Broadway, (at corner of W. 215th St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 32-1-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for La Estufa Restaurant at 5025 Broadway (West 215th Street); and

Whereas, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the restaurant wine license for the establishment; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for La Estufa Restaurant at 5025 Broadway (West 215th Street).

Sincerely,

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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: **La Rueda Restaurant Inc. dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant**
3862-3864 Broadway, (bet. W. at corner of W. 215th St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 33-0-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for La Rueda Restaurant Inc. (dba: Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant) at 3862-3864 Broadway (bet. West 162-163rd Street); and

Whereas, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the restaurant wine license for the establishment; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for La Rueda Restaurant Inc. (dba: Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant) at 3862-3864 Broadway (bet. West 162-163rd Street).

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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Re: **Tipico Dominicano, LLC.**
4172 Broadway, (at corner of W. 177th St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 32-1-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for Tipico Dominicano at 4182 Broadway (corner West 177th Street); and

Whereas, There were no objections from anyone to renewing the on-premises liquor license for the establishment; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor license for Tipico Dominicano at 4182 Broadway (corner West 177th Street).

Sincerely,

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80 South Swan Street
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Re: **Los Soneros Restaurant, Inc.**
2284 Amsterdam Avenue, (at corner of W. 174th St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 31-2-0 recommending SLA **REJECT** a renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application to renew the restaurant wine license for Los Soneros Restaurant at 2284 Amsterdam Avenue (corner West 174th Street); and

Whereas, There 33rd precinct had not history of the establishment and concerns were expressed regarding this matter; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan does not recommend the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor license for Los Soneros Restaurant at 2284 Amsterdam Avenue (corner West 174th Street).

Sincerely,

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80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

**Re: Kiara Foods Inc. dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant
4165 Broadway, (at corner of W. 177th St.)**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 31-2-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Kiara Foods Inc. (dba Manolo Tapas Bar) at 4165 Broadway at the northwest corner of West 177th Street; and

Whereas, The owner, Jesus Perez discussed the method of operation; Mr. Perez owns La Rosa Food that is next door to the proposed premises; his family has owned and operated businesses for 47 years in this community, including food stores and a liquor store; Manolo will have Spain-based cuisine and bar with tapas; Mr. Perez submitted the detailed menu and floor plans; the place is 1,400 sq.ft. with a handicapped-accessible bathroom; it has additional basement bathrooms, along with storage, refrigeration, and prep space; the occupancy is 65 people (55 on the floor and 10 at the bar); they will have 15-20 employees all from Washington Heights-Inwood; La Rosa has 17 employees all from the community; and

Whereas, Questions arose about handicapped-accessibility as only a few window seats are accessible; Mr. Perez will ask the architect to, if possible, add more accessible seats and said it may not be possible given the grade of the floor but he will try; Manolo's hours of operation will be 11:00am-2:00am Monday-Thursday; Friday through Sunday from 11:00am-4:00am; he will have occasional live music; the location is completely soundproofed as the landlord required in the 20-year lease; and

Whereas, Community residents and the 33rd precinct had no concerns or objections to the proposed premises; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Kiara Foods Inc. (dba Manolo Tapas Bar) at 4165 Broadway at the northwest corner of West 177th Street; and be it further

Resolved, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,

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Re: **La Matica de Boca Chica, Inc.**
3845 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 205th & W. 206th St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 31-2-0 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of Restaurant Wine License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new restaurant wine license to the State Liquor Authority from La Matica Boca de Chica at 3845 10th Avenue on the southeast corner of West 206th Street; and

Whereas, The owner, Robert Ferrera said the place was a restaurant that is presently closed; he discussed the method of operation which will be a seafood restaurant with eight (8) employees; open seven (7) days a week with 14 tables and 28 seats; and a bar with seven (7) stools; and

Whereas, After input from the 34th precinct and community residents the owner agree to close from 3:00-6:00am; thus the hours of operation will 6:00am-3:00am seven (7) days a week; and

Whereas, There were no additional objections or concerns from anyone present; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new restaurant wine license to La Matica de Boca Chica Restaurant at 3845 10th Avenue on the southeast corner of West 206th Street with the stipulation the hours of operation, agreed to by the owner, will be 6:00am-3:00am seven (7) days a week; and be it further

Resolved, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

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Re: Segura Corp. dba Vin-Tich
3950 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 211th & W. 212th Street)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 27-5-2 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Segura Corp. (dba Vin-Tich) at 3950 10th Avenue between West 211-212th Street; and

Whereas, The owner, William Segura, who opened Tobacco & Run on 214th Street & 10th Avenue a few months back, attended and discussed the method of operation for the proposed premises, which is a shuttered former warehouse; the new restaurant welcomes everyone and will cater to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community; the place is 250 feet from PS 98, whose entrance is on 212th Street between Broadway and 10th Avenue; Mr. Segura notified CB12 on November 7, 2008 and was calendared for the EDC's December 2008 meeting and although additional follow-up was requested his application slipped through the cracks until now; Vin Tich will have a full kitchen and serve a varied menu, including tapas from 12:00pm-2:00am seven days a week; the place is 2,500 sq. ft and the occupancy is to be determined by the DOB; Mr. Segura anticipates 40 tables, mostly two-tops, plus the bar and will hire about 50 employees; it is fully handicapped-accessible with five bathrooms; and

Whereas, 3950 10th Avenue has open DOB violations and fines to be resolved; a stop work order was placed by the DOB on the premises and a DOB complaint was referred to the FDNY; the 34th precinct is concerned about exits from the premises; Mr. Segura said they will have sufficient front exits and are working to obtain approval from the DOB for an egress from 505 West 211th Street; the precinct also addressed an adjacent fashion store that has an illegal basement club, parties, and rents out concrete rooms for private parties as they are concerned about multiple events; Mr. Segura said he is not involved with the fashion store or any basement activity and that Vin-Tich is an entirely ground floor operation; there is a garage right next store between 212-213th Street; and

Whereas, Mr. Segura said the prior owners of 3950 10th Avenue were evicted; that's where many DOB violations came from and he acknowledged the violations must be cured or else he cannot do anything given the current stop work order; with the stipulation the DOB violations and fines are cured the committee moved the agenda; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Segura Corp. (dba Vin-Tich) at 3950 10th Avenue between West 211-212th Street with the stipulation that all the open DOB violations and fines are cured; and be it further

Resolved, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,



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Manny Velazquez, Chairman
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April 30, 2009

Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Re: Arauaco Restaurant & Bar Inc. dba Arauaco
65 Sherman Avenue, (bet. Dyckman & Thayer St.)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 30-3-1 recommending SLA **APPROVE** a new of On-Premises Liquor License

Whereas, The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Arauaco Restaurant & Bar at 65 Sherman Avenue at the northeast corner of Thayer Street; and

Whereas, The proposed premise was previously a restaurant and has been closed for several years; the owner, Jose Recio discussed the method of operation; this will be his first restaurant; Mr. Recio graduated from hotel restaurant school and has 15-years experience working in the restaurant business; the location is a one-story commercial building and the only adjacent residential is on the southwest corner of Thayer Street; the restaurant's hours of operation will be from 6am-12pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am-2am on Friday and Saturday; the restaurant will serve Latin cuisine and have 25 employees all from the community; Mr. Recio will have sit-down fine dining for a mature crowd with a small bar (four stools), light background music, and no live entertainment; the establishment is 1,200 sq. ft. and holds 60-65 people; he is building two entrances/exits and a bathroom that will be handicapped-accessible and has been working for the past three months on the place; and

Whereas, After further discussion there were no objections from the 34th precinct or community residents in attendance; now therefore be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Arauaco Restaurant & Bar at 65 Sherman Avenue at the northeast corner of Thayer Street; and be it

Resolved, The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented April 7, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member

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Hon. Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate
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Hon. Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA



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May 1, 2009

Hon. Adrian Benepe
Commissioner
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
The Arsenal, Central Park
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

Please be advised that Community Board 12-Manhattan passed the following resolution in support of the PlaNYC renovation of Fort Washington Park by a vote of 31-0-1-2 at its General Meeting on April 28, 2009:

- Whereas:** The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation ("DPR") held several listening sessions within CB12 to hear from the community about its needs and desires for Fort Washington Park, including the 6/5/07 and 9/4/07 meetings of Community Board 12, Manhattan's Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee ("PCA") and sponsored an survey that generated hundreds of responses from the park-going public; and,
- Whereas:** DPR and Stantec (the design firm hired by DPR) presented the Master Plan and Phase I concept implementation to the PCA on June 3, 2008, generating significant public discussion; and,
- Whereas:** The Public Design Commission approved the concept in December 2008; and,
- Whereas:** DPR held an on-site scoping meeting in the park on December 22, 2008; and,
- Whereas:** Stantec and DPR presented a design concept to the PCA on January 6, 2009; a draft of the proposed plan on March 3rd which was approved by a majority of those in attendance; and again presented the plan and solicited feedback at yet another meeting on April 13th; and,
- Whereas:** The \$40 million Phase I renovation will add a softball field, soccer field and comfort station; renovate existing comfort stations and make them ADA-compliant; reorient existing ballfields, including the addition of bleachers; add a new playground where one used to exist; improve pathways and provide safe, ADA-compliant access to the waterfront; restore erosion damage at the waterfront; add bike racks, a kayak launch, BBQs and water fountains throughout the park (including those with a lower spigot for dogs); improve the stairs to access the park at 148th & 172nd Streets; create a cleared path to the historical marker at the Revolutionary War redoubt; and add landscaping throughout the park and improve the Riverside Drive streetscape; and,

- Whereas:** The goals of PlaNYC include environmental conservation and sustainability, it is desirable to use eco-friendly surfacing materials and to use solar or other alternative energy sources where operationally practicable, in addition to the sustainability elements already included in the plan (e.g., storm water recapture, water recycling in the playground spray shower, rain gardens to filter pollutant and soil erosion sediments from entering the Hudson, incorporation of native plantings and removal of invasive species, and use of permeable material surfacing in the playground, solar-powered emergency call boxes); and,
- Whereas:** There is strong opposition from some parks users who remain adamantly opposed to the installation of any new paths to the north or west of the mid-park cluster ball fields' fenceline, alleging that any additional paving would destroy the natural character of that section of park, and a petition with 1,181 signatures stating their objections was presented to the Board at its March 24th General Meeting; and,
- Whereas:** The Greenway/bike path to the east of the mid-park cluster is eight feet lower in elevation than the ballfields and other parkland, rendering an east-west transverse impossible due to the steep grade, without also installing retaining walls on either side which are prohibitively expensive, add unnatural features to the landscape, and present several maintenance and security challenges; and,
- Whereas:** DPR must have vehicular access to the ballfields at the beginning of each season to deliver resurfacing materials for the ballfields; and,
- Whereas:** The availability of paved pathways in the park increases safety, security and cleanliness of the park by providing access for patrol cars and narrow 4x4 maintenance vehicles; and,
- Whereas:** Volleyball and picnicking are popular forms of active and passive recreation in the mid-park cluster; and,
- Whereas:** The separation of bicyclists and pedestrians in the busiest section of the park will increase safety and access of that section; and,
- Whereas:** DPR has agreed to consider making the path to the west of the ballfields as narrow as possible pursuant to its maintenance needs and ADA requirements and to use materials which are appropriate to the Park's environmental context and natural landscape; has agreed to consider removing one of the pavement legs immediately north of the mid-park cluster ball fields and has agreed to consider moving the path north of the ballfields east so as not to bisect a small field; and,
- Whereas:** The southern and northern termini of the secondary waterfront pedestrian path will have clear signage and structural design elements actively to discourage its use by bicyclists; and,
- Whereas:** The width of the current "desire-line" (i.e., dirt path eroded by pedestrian and vehicular wear) west of the ballfields is 8-10 feet wide in most places, and a 6-foot wide paved path with 18"-24" of gravel on either side for drainage and to prevent the rutting and mud that occurs on the site presently would be as wide as what is there now; and,
- Whereas:** Fort Washington Park would be enhanced as a cultural destination by the addition of a bandshell or similar structure in the lawn area by the Little Red Lighthouse; and,
- Whereas:** Fishing in the Hudson is a popular pastime; now, therefore be it

- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation proceed with the proposed Phase I renovation of Fort Washington Park as presented at the April 13th meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, provided that the new paved path to the west of the mid-park cluster ballfields be narrowed to 6 feet with no more than 18"-24" on either side of gravel, the path in the field north of the ballfields be moved east so as not to bisect that field, and the paved truck access to the ballfields add little or no net pavement to said area; and be it further
- Resolved:** DPR consider removing one of the volleyball courts to increase the lawn area at the southern end of the mid-park cluster if this reallocation of space is consistent with existing and anticipated future needs for both active and passive recreation; and be it further
- Resolved:** That newer eco-friendly surfacing materials, if they meet ADA requirements, be used in the proposed new paths in lieu of asphalt if they already have been approved for use through DPR's materials spec processes, and, if not, that Fort Washington Park be used as a test area to pilot the use of these materials, and be it further
- Resolved:** That DPR work with the NYC Department of Transportation to install solar-powered lighting fixtures if they meet DOT's luminosity and other specifications for such fixtures; and be it further
- Resolved:** That DPR work with the Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure that the shoreline stabilization work continues to provide waterfront access for recreational fishing; and be it further
- Resolved:** That the addition of a bandshell in the lawn area near the Little Red Lighthouse be included in Phase I, pending the availability of funds, or that it be made a top priority for later phases of the PlaNYC Master Plan for Fort Washington Park.

Thank you for your consideration of the board's position on this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator
Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell Jr., Assembly Member
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member
Hon. Robert Jackson, Council Member
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Council Member
Hon. William Castro, Manhattan Parks Commissioner
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May 1, 2009

Honorable Christine Quinn
City Council speaker
City Hall
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Resolution to co-name the Northwest corner of Amsterdam and W. 190th Street in Washington Heights "Professor Juan Bosch Way"

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 passed a resolution with a unanimous vote 34-0-0.

WHEREAS Professor Juan Bosch, an award-winning novelist, essayist, educator, journalist, historian, sociologist, and a former elected president of the Dominican Republic, was a human being of enormous talent, unquestionable integrity, and progressive political vision; and

WHEREAS Professor Bosch's tenure as elected President of the Dominican Republic encompassed the adoption of a new constitution, which is considered by many as one of the most advanced in Latin America; and

WHEREAS under Professor Bosch's leadership, the Dominican Republic experienced full civil liberties for its citizens for the first time; and though his presidency lasted less than one year, his contributions to the freedom of his beloved country, and to the welfare of the working people in particular, are held in high esteem wherever the ideal of democracy is treasured; and

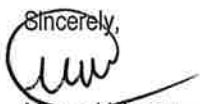
WHEREAS Professor Bosch's political leadership is matched only by his prolific and critically acclaimed books, including novels, biographies, short stories, essays and histories, many of which are used extensively as textbooks in Latin American high schools and universities; and

WHEREAS the population of Washington Heights and Inwood, holding this great leader in the highest possible regard, seek a way to honor his contributions to human society in general, Latin America in particular, and specifically the democratic government of the Dominican Republic; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 12, as unanimously recommended by the Traffic and Transportation Committee, requests that the Northwest corner of Amsterdam and 190th Street in Washington Heights be co-named "Professor Juan Bosch Way," with signage to be affixed at that location.

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

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez
Chair

cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate
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