



Community Board 12M

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December 27, 2004

Mr. William H. Goldstein
President
School Construction Authority
Office of the Chancellor
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

Community Board 12, Manhattan, passed the following resolution at its general meeting on December 21, 2004 by a vote of 18 in favor, 8 opposed, and 1 not voting:

Whereas, the School Construction Authority (SCA) notified Community Board 12, Manhattan (CB12) on October 26, 2004, pursuant to Section 1731 of the New York City School Construction Authority Act (NYSCA), of the proposed site selection of Block 2246, Lots 36 & 43, and any other property in the immediate vicinity which may be necessary for the proposed project, located in the Borough of Manhattan, to be used to construct a 630-seat primary/intermediate facility serving Region 10/Community School District 6; and,

Whereas, one of the two privately owned lots located on the south side of Dyckman Street between Payson Avenue and Henshaw Street is for sale; and,

Whereas, the SCA did not consult with CB12, the local elected officials, the Community Education Council (CEC), or other community leaders with regard to the type of school at this site before notifying CB12 of the site selection; and,

Whereas, CB12 held a public hearing on December 6, 2004 where more than 100 community residents almost unanimously opposed building a school on this site since the entire building would be demolished by the SCA and the 400-plus parking spaces, 25-plus jobs, and a car wash would be lost; and,

Whereas, the public hearing testimony supported the building of additional schools in the region but requested the preservation of this Dyckman Street parking garage, which is essential given the severe lack of parking in the area and the fact the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre, & Broadcasting repeatedly issues permits for companies to film in Inwood, which denies street-level parking to community residents for days at a time; and,

Whereas, the SCA did not conduct a traffic study to analyze the impact a school at this location would have on the community; and,

Whereas, the SCA was not aware of the numerous structural problems of apartment buildings on Riverside Drive and community residents are concerned the demolition of 268-284 Dyckman Street will exacerbate the problems and compromise the structural integrity of the adjacent buildings; and,

Whereas, community residents and CB12 members called upon the SCA to examine other sites for possible use and to reach out immediately to the public officials, CEC and CB12 when a location is identified as a potential school site in order to allow more than the current 45 day comment and review period; therefore

Be it Resolved: CB12 supports the building of additional schools in Region 10/District 6 but not at 268-284 Dyckman Street given the fact 400-plus much needed parking spaces and 25-plus jobs would be eliminated; and,

Be it Further Resolved: in the event the SCA disregards the position of this Board and proceeds to acquire this site, the SCA should work with the NYC Economic Development Corporation and other government agencies to replace the lost parking spaces in the immediate neighborhood, and to address all of the other quality of life, public safety and environmental issues enumerated above.

Be it Further Resolved: CB12 implores the SCA to enter into a good-faith dialogue with public officials, the CEC and CB12 with respect to future locations for schools in this community and asks the SCA that upon initial notification to a property owner that a site is being considered for a school that the SCA inform the public officials, CEC and CB12 immediately in writing.

Sincerely,



Martin Collins
Chairman

Cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Joel I. Klein, Chancellor
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman, 15th District
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator, 30th District
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Assemblyman, 72nd District
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., State Assemblyman, 71st District
Hon. Robert Jackson, NYC Councilman, 7th District
Hon. Miguel Martinez, NYC Councilman, 10th District



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February 28, 2005

Honorable C. Virginia Fields
Manhattan Borough President
Municipal Building – 19th Floor South
New York, NY 10007

Dear Borough President Fields:

Manhattan Community Board 12 passed the following By Laws resolution at its General Meeting on December 21, 2004:

Whereas: The current By Laws allow a person to run for more than one office in any given election cycle, and

Whereas: This could create undue confusion; therefore

Be It Resolved: That the new section 8.06 read as follows: "No person may stand for election for more than one office in any single election cycle."

Be It Further Resolved: That all other sections be appropriately renumbered in their current order.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Council Member Robert Jackson
Council Member Miguel Martinez



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Honorable C. Virginia Fields
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Dear Borough President Fields:

Manhattan Community Board 12 at its General Meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2004 passed the following By-Laws resolution:

Whereas: The By-Laws of Manhattan Community Board 12 do not specify eligibility criteria for prospective candidates for elected Board officers, and

Whereas: It is recognized that criteria represent a means of standardization for the selection of candidates, now therefore

Be It Resolved: That Section 8 of the By-laws be amended and a new section 8.03 be inserted and all other sub-sections be appropriately renumbered in their current order, to include the following:

Eligibility Criteria for Nomination of Elected Board Officers:

The following criteria will apply to candidates for all elected Board officers. These criteria will apply to nominations from the Nominating Committee as well as nominations from the floor.

In the last twelve (12) months the prospective candidate must have attended:

- a) Two-thirds of all regularly scheduled General Meetings
- b) Two-thirds of all their regularly scheduled primary Committee meetings
- c) Demonstrate punctuality and good attendance to all of the above meetings; arrive within the first thirty (30) minutes of published start-time and remain for at least one-half of the meeting
- d) Been a member of the Board for one (1) calendar year

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

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Council Member Miguel Martinez