

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 12
Borough of Manhattan

711 West 168 Street, New York, New York 10032

The
City
of
New
York



January 23, 2002

Kathleen M. Broderick
Associate Commissioner
New York State Office of Mental Retardation
and Developmental Disabilities
New York City Regional Office
75 Morton Street, Rm 6C38
New York, NY 10014

Patricia Harrison
Executive Director
Program Development Services, Inc.
6916 New Utrecht Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11228

Dear Commissioner Broderick and Ms. Harrison:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board 12, Manhattan at its general meeting on January 22, 2002:

- Whereas:** A proposal to establish a community residence for mentally disabled persons at 790 Riverside Drive by the Program Development Services, Inc., a community service agency based in Brooklyn, was the subject of a Public Hearing of the Health and Environment Committee of Community Board 12 Manhattan, and
- Whereas:** The facility would be located within ZIP code 10032, where at least eight (8) such state-funded facilities currently exist, in addition to major programs at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, a voluntary medical center and its associated medical and public health schools, and other residential programs funded by agencies other than the New York State Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities, and
- Whereas:** The co-op owners of 790 Riverside Drive and residents of the immediate area expressed concerns over the high number of such facilities in the area, safety issues and cited other adverse conditions affecting the suitability of the site proposed, and
- Whereas:** There are more of these facilities in this ZIP code than in any other ZIP code in Community Board 12, and
- Whereas:** There is an over-concentration of such facilities in the vicinity of the proposed site, therefore
- Be It Resolved:** Community Board 12 does not approve of the proposal by the Program Development Services, Inc. at this location, and

Chairman: Walther G. Delgado

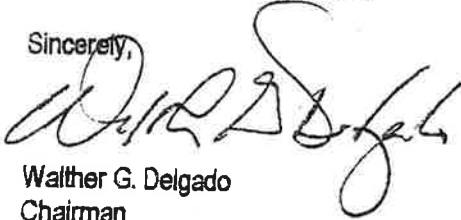
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District Manager: Gregoria Feliciano

**Be it Further
Resolved:**

Community Board 12 urges the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to improve its procedures under the State's Padavan Law, including the agency's notification and public hearing requirements, and to provide more accurate information on the total number of federal, state, city and privately sponsored mental health and related facilities, residential and outpatient, located in the community district.

Sincerely,



Walther G. Delgado
Chairman

cc: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, New York City
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. William Thompson, N.Y.C. Comptroller
Hon. Betsy Gotbaum, N.Y.C. Public Advocate
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman, District 15
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator, District 30
Hon. David A. Paterson, State Senator, District 29
Hon. Olga Mendez, State Senator, District 28
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assemblyman, District 72
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Assemblyman, District 71
Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilman, District 7
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilman, District 10
Mr. Richard Murray, Program Development Services, Inc.

Roll Call:

In Favor

Jacqueline Aristy
Rafael Beaumont
Abby Belkin
Emilia Cardona
Walther G. Delgado
Sybil R. Dodson
Beatrice Hall
Herbert Harwitt
Joyce F. Holland
Elizabeth Loris Ritter
Maria A. Luna
Benjamin Mantell
Julio Peguero
Martha Pepin
Steven Rizick
Maria Sierra
Sandra Wachspress

Opposed

Helen Morik

Abstain

Anita Barberis
James Berlin
Fredericka Cuenca
Leslie Foster
Marcos Navarro
Ron Peterson
Zead Ramadan
George Sanchez
Juan Villar

Not Voting

TOTAL: 17 In Favor

1 Opposed

9 Abstention

0 Not Voting