



Community Board 12M

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Pamela Palanque-North, Chair
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January 15, 2010

Hon. Joel I. Klein
Chancellor
Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Resolution to Recommend the New York City Department of Education to Award the Washington Heights Academy a Grade Reconfiguration from K-8.

Dear Chancellor Klein

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 passed a resolution recommending the DOE award the Washington Heights academy a grade Reconfiguration from K-8 with a vote of 33-0-1.

- Whereas:** In September 2004, Washington Heights Academy opened as a public school in Community School District 6 with the intention of growing to a K-8 School and;
- Whereas:** In January 2007, the New York City Department of Education approved the Academy's program-to-school conversion application, granting initial status as a K-5 school until a site was secured that would permit the Academy to house a PreK-8 population and;
- Whereas:** In May 2007, Community Board 12, Manhattan and Community Education Council #6 passed resolutions urging the DOE to support the Academy's original vision as a PreK-8 school; and
- Whereas:** In July 2007, the DOE awarded the Academy a Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 site located at 202 Sherman Avenue, which is scheduled for occupancy in the 2010-11 school year; and
- Whereas:** Community Board 12, Manhattan pushed for the construction of a public school at 202 Sherman Avenue as a high priority in the hope that a school offering needed services to our community would be located there; and
- Whereas:** The Academy has earned a strong district-wide reputation and is a sought-after choice for CSD 6 families from diverse cultural, linguistic and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

Whereas: The Academy's heterogeneous student population has demonstrated above-average performance on state-mandated exams and received a proficient rating on its DOE Quality Review; and

Whereas: Research supports the academic benefits of the K-8 model, in which children's middle school experiences build consistently upon their elementary school education; and

Whereas: The Academy continues to be housed in a temporary annex that does not sufficiently accommodate its current K-5 classes; and

Whereas: The Academy's proposed enrollment plan calls for the school to open its middle school in September 2010 with two sixth grade classes; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan strongly recommends the New York City Department of Education to approve the grade reconfiguration proposal for P.S. 366: Washington Heights Academy, as soon as possible thereby allowing the Academy to open its middle school, as originally intended; and

Be It Further Resolved: The Academy will continue to strengthen its instruction across all grades to meet the needs of all students including the high and low achievers while ensuring the school's overall progress; and

Be It Further Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan encourages the school to rename itself the "Inwood Academy"

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration our requests.

Sincerely,


Pamela Palanque-North, Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Bill De Blasio, Public Advocate
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, NY State Senator
Hon. Bill Perkins, NY State Senator
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, NY State Assembly
Hon. Herman Farrell, NY State Assembly
Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilmember
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January 29, 2010

Chairman Matthew Haus
Taxi & Limousine Commission
40 Rector Street
New York, NY 10006

Re: **R. C. Audubon Car Service, Inc. – License Renewal**

Dear Chairman Haus:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, a resolution passed with a vote of 32-1-2 recommending the TLC renew R. C. Audubon Car Service, Inc.,

WHEREAS, R.C. Audubon Car Service Inc located at 2129 Amsterdam Ave has duly notified Community Board 12 of its intent to file an application for a renewal of its Livery Car Base License; and

WHEREAS, R.C. Audubon Car Service Inc has satisfactorily shown that they are responsive to the community's needs for private transportation; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Cabal (representative) appeared and explained R.C. Audubon Car Service Inc's method of operation, and expressed his commitment to engaging in an ongoing dialogue with local residents about issues related to R.C. Audubon Car Service Inc drivers and vehicles, and

WHEREAS, R.C. Audubon Car Service Inc provided a Certificate of Affiliation from Vincent NYC that states that the base has complied with New York City TLC Rule 6-07(f) to provide transportation service to wheelchair users, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 12 (Manhattan) **recommends** the Taxi and Limousine Commission grant a renewal of the **Livery Car Base License** for R.C. Audubon Car Service Inc. with the provision that they continue to adhere to all TLC regulations including the requirement to provide ADA accessible vehicles for its customers.

Sincerely,

Pamela Palanque – North
Chair

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