

Community Board 12M

Washington Heights & Inwood

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg New York City Office of the Mayor City Hall New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Boomberg:

The following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote by Community Board 12, Manhattan at our General Meeting, Tuesday, March 23, 2004:

Whereas:

Community Board 12, Manhattan believes access to free library programs is an essential

and vital service to the community, especially for our children; and

Whereas:

The only after-school option for some children is the local branch library; and

Whereas:

As many as 100, 000 children use the City's Public Libraries every day and more than

600, 000 children are reached by the Connecting Libraries And Schools Program (CLASP)

and more than 50, 000 are reached by the summer reading program; and

Whereas:

Due to the Mayor's proposed budget cuts the Fort Washington, Washington Heights and

Inwood Libraries are once again in jeopardy of losing one day of service; therefore

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Resolved:

That sufficient funding be restored to allow the three libraries to open 6-days a week.

We would appreciate your favorable consideration to this resolution and look forward to your response at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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Chair

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Hon. Gifford Miller, Speaker, NYC Council

Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilman, NYC Council District #07

Hon, Miguel Martinez, Councilman, NYC Council District #10

Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President