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March 31, 2006

Chairman Daniel B. Boyle New York State Liquor Authority 84 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208

Re:

Jenny Lynn Productions Inc. (d/b/a The Archway Restaurant)

116 Pinehurst Avenue, Building C

New York, NY 10033

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution March 28, 2006, with 39 in favor, 1 opposed, recommending renewal of The Archway Restaurant's On-Premises Liquor license.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met March 7, 2006 to consider Jenny Lynn Productions Inc. (d/b/a The Archway Restaurant), 116 Pinehurst Avenue, renewal application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The restaurant is open seven days a week from 11:00am-10:00pm, seats 30 people, serves an assorted menu for lunch, brunch and dinner, and plays only background-music, and

Whereas: There SLA and 34th Precinct reported no adverse history or violations at this restaurant, which has successfully operated for the past five years at 116 Pinehurst Avenue, now therefore

Be it Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends the SLA renew Jenny Lynn Productions Inc. (d/b/a The Archway Restaurant), On-Premises Liquor License with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

Cc:

Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Erlc Schnelderman, State Senator
Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member
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Honorable Lawrence J. Gedda, Commissioner, SLA

Honorable Joshua B. Toas, Chief Executive Officer, SLA Jenny Lynn Productions Inc. (d/b/a The Archway Restaurant)



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Chairman Daniel B. Boyle New York State Liquor Authority 84 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208

Re:

La Rueda Restaurant 3864 Broadway New York, NY 10032

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this resolution March 28, 2006, with 36 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention, recommending La Rueda Restaurant for Restaurant Wine.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met March 7, 2006 with the owners of La Rueda Restaurant, 3864 Broadway, to consider their new Restaurant Wine application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The owners will operate a Spanish-American restaurant, which will close at 11:00pm weekdays and 12:00am on weekends, seat 40 people and have six employees, and

Whereas: The business owners satisfactorily responded to all questions from the committee regarding their business plan and operation, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, music, noise, sanitation, and local employment opportunities; and

Whereas: The 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct reported no complaints, summonses, violations or other concerns with respect to this location; therefore

Be it Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA grant La Rueda Restaurant a Restaurant Wine license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor

Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman

Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

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La Rueda Restaurant



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Re:

AE on Broadway Inc. (d/b/a Empire Szechuan)

4041-4049 Broadway New York, NY 10032

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution March 28, 2006, with 37 in favor, 3 opposed, recommending AE on Broadway (d/b/a Empire Szechuan) for Restaurant Wine.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met March 7, 2006 with the owners of AE on Broadway Inc. (d/b/a Empire Szechuan) 4041-4049 Broadway to consider their new Restaurant Wine application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The owners are down-grading their SLA license type from On-Premises Liquor to Restaurant Wine for economic reasons, and

Whereas: The restaurant serves New York-style Chinese cuisine and has operated at its current location for many years, and

Whereas: The 33rd Precinct reported no problems at this business or location; and

Whereas: The owners satisfactorily responded to additional questions from the committee regarding their business plan and operation, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, noise, sanitation, and local employment opportunities; now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA grant AE on Broadway Inc. (d/b/a Empire Szechuan) at 4041-4049 Broadway a Restaurant Wine license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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AE on Broadway Inc. (d/b/a Empire Szechuan)



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Chairman Daniel B. Boyle New York State Liquor Authority 84 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208

Re:

D'Mireya Restaurant Corp. 260-263 Sherman Avenue New York, NY 10034

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution March 28, 2006 with 30 in favor, 9 opposed, 1 abstention, recommending D'Mireya Restaurant for On-Premises Liquor.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met March 7, 2006 with the owners of D'Mireya Restaurant at 260-263 Sherman Avenue to consider their new On-Premises Liquor application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The owners will operate a Spanish-American restaurant with 40 seats and six employees, which will serve food until 12:00am seven days a week and have only jukebox music, and

Whereas: This location 260-263 Sherman Avenue has been a successful restaurant for many years, and

Whereas: The 34th Precinct reported no problems at this business or location; and

Whereas: The owners satisfactorily responded to additional questions from the committee regarding their business plan and operation, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, noise, sanitation, and local employment opportunities; now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends the SLA grant D'Mireya Restaurant an On-Premises Liquor license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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D'Mireya Restaurant Corp.



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Chairman Daniel B. Boyle New York State Liquor Authority 84 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208

Re:

Lulo Restaurant

1626 St. Nicholas Avenue New York, NY 10033

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 considered this resolution March 28, 2006, 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct reports about this premises, and voted 19 in favor, 19 opposed, 2 abstentions to recommending Lulo Restaurant for On-Premises Liquor.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met March 7, 2006 with the owner of Lulo Restaurant, 1626 St. Nicholas Ave., to consider their new On-Premises Liquor application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The owner will operate a Spanish-American restaurant with 60 seats and close seven days a week at 4:00am, and

Whereas: The 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct reported this location received ten complaints over the past ten months including several loud music and noise complaints between 2:00-4:00am in September 2005, and that it is adjacent West 191-192 Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, which is a known drug location, and

Whereas: The owner reported this is a new restaurant under new management and will not play loud music or adversely impact the neighborhood's quality of life, and

Whereas: The owners responded to additional questions from the committee regarding their business plan and operation, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, noise, sanitation, and local employment opportunities; now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan does <u>not recommend</u> the SLA grant Lulo Restaurant an On-Premises Liquor license.

Sincerely,

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Chairman Daniel B. Boyle New York State Liquor Authority 84 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208

Re:

Vida Café Inc. (d/b/a Mamajuana Restaurant)

247 Dyckman Street New York, NY 10034

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this resolution March 28, 2006 with 31 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstention, recommending Vida Café (d/b/a Mamajuana Restaurant) for On-Premises Liquor.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met March 7, 2006 with the owners of Vida Café (d/b/a Mamajuana Café) 247 Dyckman Street to consider their new On-Premises Liquor application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The owners will operate a family-style restaurant with brick oven cuisine, including Taino-Spanish food, employ 14-16 people, close Sunday through Thursday at 11:00pm and Friday-Saturday at 12:00am, and have background music playing only inside the restaurant, and

Whereas: The restaurant seats 50 customers and has a license to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café, with 16 tables and the owners reported their unenclosed sidewalk café will close weeknights at 11:00pm and weekends at 11:30pm in compliance with the NYC Dept. Consumer Affairs regulations, and

Whereas: The business owners satisfactorily responded to all other questions from the committee and public regarding their business plan and operations, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, music, noise, sanitation, and local employment opportunities; and

Whereas: The 34th Precinct reported no complaints, summonses, violations or other concerns with respect to this location; therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends the SLA grant Vida Café Inc. (d/b/a Mamajuana Café) an On-Premises Liquor license with the stipulation the business operates in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law.

Sincerely,

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Chairman Daniel B. Boyle New York State Liquor Authority 84 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208

Re:

Banana Lounge 5060 Broadway New York, NY 10034

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 considered this resolution March 28, 2006, received substantial community opposition, a petition signed by 152 residents opposed, and voted 22 opposed, 10 in favor, 8 abstentions to recommending Banana Lounge for On-Premises Liquor.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met March 7, 2006 with the owners of Banana Lounge to consider their new On-Premises Liquor application to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: The business owners stated they had conducted a neighborhood survey and that Banana Lounge will be open 7 days a week from 12:00pm until 4:00am, but would close sooner if there was no crowd; will have music including DJ and live entertainment, sell tapas, and that they will sound-proof the premises, have security personnel, and host special events, and

Whereas: The owners also stated they will operate a bar & lounge for the community to enjoy, have sufficient parking, security, maintain control at all times, sound-proof the location, and expeditiously respond to any concerns if such arises; and

Whereas: Community residents asked who was surveyed on Park Terrace East and Broadway between West 214<sup>th</sup> and 216<sup>th</sup> Street (the answer was none) and discussed the location's history, which over the past decade has housed four businesses, Cloro Bar, Mi Nido Taverna, Sugar Shack Café and Passions Lounge and the fact these businesses have disturbed the neighborhood's quality of life with noise, disorderly premises, unruly patron behavior, fights, a 1999 on-premises murder, the continuous din of honking horns and double-parked cars in front of the location, insufficient parking, and rowdy patrons exiting the location especially after 3:00am; and

Whereas: Residents also spoke about the fact this is a new business and the owners should not be judged by the failures of their predecessors, and

Whereas: The 34th Precinct, reported 35 complaints were received over a one-year period on Passions Lounge (24 for unruly patron behavior, 10 loud music, one illegal parking) and the majority were between 3:00-6:00am, including 30 complaints between March-May 2005, which included a March 26, 2005 disorderly premises with fights in and outside Passions Lounge, more than 300 people inside (225 is the occupancy), open liquor on the street and one arrest; and

Whereas: There was substantial community opposition at Community Board 12's general meeting on March 28, 2006, and the board received a petition signed by 152 residents opposed to granting this license, now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 does <u>not recommend</u> the SLA grant Banana Lounge an On-Premises Liquor license.

Sincerely.

Martin Collins Chairman

Cc:

Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor

Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman

Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator

Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member

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Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate

Honorable Lawrence J. Gedda, Commissioner, SLA

Honorable Joshua B. Toas, Chief Executive Officer, SLA

Banana Lounge



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Chairman Daniel B. Boyle New York State Liquor Authority 84 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12208

Re:

Broadway Café & Sports Lounge Inc.

4710 Broadway New York, NY 10040

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this resolution March 28, 2006 with 37 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention, which does <u>not recommend</u> Broadway Café & Sports Lounge Inc. for On-Premises Liquor.

Whereas: The Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law) requires that new licensees must inform the local community board at least 30 days prior to filing their application with the State Liquor Authority (SLA) and appear before the board to discuss their application with community residents and board members, and

Whereas: Miguel Acosta, owner, Broadway Sports Lounge, 4710 Broadway, informed Community Board 12 on January 10, 2006 of his intent to apply for a liquor license and he was invited to the February 7, 2006 Economic Development Committee meeting, which he did not attend, and

Whereas: Community Board 12 invited Mr. Acosta to attend the March 7, 2006 Economic Development Committee meeting, which he did not attend, and

Whereas: The Alcoholic Beverage Control Law specifies that new on-premises licensees must receive a recommendation from their local community board and submit the recommendation with the application to the SLA, and

Whereas: Since the owner did not attend either meeting, Community Board 12 cannot provide the SLA with a recommendation on this application; therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 does <u>not recommend</u> the SLA grant Broadway Café & Sports Lounge Inc., an On-Premises Liquor License.

Sincerely,

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator
Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member
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Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate
Honorable Lawrence J. Gedda, Commissioner, SLA
Honorable Joshua B. Toas, Chief Executive Officer, SLA
Broadway Café & Sports Lounge, Inc.



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March 31, 2006

President George W. Bush The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

Community Board 12 passed this resolution March 28, 2006 with 36 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions, recommending the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

Whereas, The continued war in Iraq, which marked its third anniversary this month, causes death, injury and immeasurable devastation, while draining vital resources desperately needed in northern Manhattan and other communities here at home; and

Whereas, We continue to spend hundreds of billions of dollars, on the war, at a rate of \$ 5.9 billion per month, while the President's budget proposes to cut vital funding from health care, housing, education, transportation and medical research, and neglects the protection of our environment, etc; and

Whereas, We mourn the loss of more than 2,200 American soldiers, at least three of whom had ties to Washington Heights – Inwood and the injury to tens of thousands more as well as the death or injury of countless thousands of Iraqis; now therefore

Be It Resolved, Community Board 12 supports the immediate, rapid and orderly withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and the reallocation of funds saved thereby to provide for the needs of our people including vital services needed by our returning veterans.

We look forward to your written response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor Cc: Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator

Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member

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March 31, 2006

Honorable Christine Quinn Speaker – City Council City Hall New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Quinn:

Community Board 12 unanimously passed this resolution March 28, 2006 to co-name the southwest corner of West 202<sup>nd</sup> Street and Tenth Avenue, Elouise Carrington Whitehurst Place.

Whereas: Elouise Carrington Whitehurst was a dedicated worker in service to the Washington Heights-Inwood community whose boundless efforts improved the lives of our residents and had a profound impact; and

Whereas: Ms. Whitehurst was one of the first residents of the Dyckman Houses when the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) complex opened in 1951 and she was President of the Dyckman Houses Tenant Association and Chair of the Board of Directors for Dyckman Community Center for more than 40 years; and

Whereas: Ms. Whitehurst was instrumental in almost every aspect of Dyckman Houses' care and oversaw one of the City's safest, best-kept NYCHA developments; and

Whereas: Ms. Whitehurst was a founding member and Vice President of the New York Presbyterian Hospital Ambulatory Care Network Advisory Board, and

Whereas: Ms. Whitehurst was a member of Community Board 12, Manhattan for more than 20 years; and

Whereas: Ms. Whitehurst's dedication and ability to get things done made her a key force for positive change in Washington Heights-Inwood for more than 50 years, now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the southwest corner of West 202<sup>nd</sup> Street and Tenth Avenue be co-named, Elouise Carrington Whitehurst Place.

Sincerely,

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor

Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman

Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator

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March 31, 2006

Honorable George Pataki Governor Executive Chamber – Capitol Albany, NY 12224 Honorable Michael Bloomberg Mayor City Hall New York, NY 10007

Dear Governor Pataki & Mayor Bloomberg:

Community Board 12 unanimously passed this resolution on March 28, 2006.

WHEREAS, domestic/ partner violence is a serious problem that has a destructive impact on the lives of residents in Washington Heights-Inwood,

WHEREAS, domestic/ partner violence is a serious problem with serious effects on the lives of women of every nationality beginning in early adolescence,

WHEREAS, young, foreign-born and Latina women are over-represented among the City's DV homicide victims. Of the 34 NYC women killed by intimate partners in 2003, 13 (34%) were immigrants, and 12 (35%) were Latinas.

WHEREAS, Washington Heights-Inwood has a higher than average concentration of foreign-born families,

WHEREAS, more than 240,000 domestic violence incident reports (DIRs) were filed, citywide in 2003 and WH/I 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> precincts (comprising only 2 of the city's 76) had a combined total of 5,423 DIR's in 2004.

WHEREAS, 25,000 of Manhattan's 34,000 domestic violence complaints in 2005 were from Community Districts 9-12, and

WHEREAS, these problems are compounded by a lack of information of services available to battered women and women at risk of being battered;

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of emergency shelter space for women and families of domestic violence;

WHEREAS, there is a lack of resources in Washington Heights-Inwood to assist victims of domestic violence in achieving economic stability and;

WHEREAS, the lack of economic opportunity has the effect of keeping women in abusive situations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: New York State and New York City allocate resources to:

 Experienced and culturally competent community-based domestic violence programs to conduct extensive outreach through-out Washington Heights-Inwood, to inform battered women and women who are at risk of being victims of domestic violence, about the programs and services that are available to them in CB12M. Experienced community-based programs that serve battered women beyond crisis intervention to provide ongoing case management and advocacy services with a special emphasis on economic and housing stability components; and offering both technical support and financial resources to the Washington Heights & Inwood Coalition against Domestic Violence to ensure a community coordinated response to domestic violence.

We look forward to receiving your response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins Chairman

Cc:

Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman

Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator

Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member

Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member

Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member

Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member

Honorable Peter Vallone Jr., Chair, Public Safety, City Council

Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate

Honorable Joseph Dowling, Commanding Officer, 33rd Precinct

Honorable Andrew Capul, Commanding Officer, 34th Precinct

Washington Heights-Inwood Community-Based Organizations



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Dr. Herbert Pardes New York Presbyterian Hospital 161 Fort Washington Avenue, 14th Floor New York, NY 10032

Dear Dr. Pardes:

Community Board 12 passed this resolution March 28, 2006, with 33 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions and 1 not voting, which recommends NYPH reconsider the closing of the Ambulatory Care Network office at 64 Nagle Avenue.

Whereas, NY-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) is planning to close the Ambulatory Care Network (ACN) site at 64 Nagle Ave. at the end of June; and

Whereas, The creation of the ACN and the opening of this medical practice was the result of a major effort to improve the hospital's services to the community; and

Whereas, This office specializes in family medicine and serves 7-8,000 patients averaging 25,000 visits per year, and 60% of these patients come from the two zip codes north of West 187<sup>th</sup> Street; and

Whereas, The NYPH representatives who attended the Community Board 12 Health and Environment Committee meeting on January 4, 2006 have failed to fulfill a promise to provide the board with documentation showing that the Nagle Avenue site cannot be continued because of expensive renovations needed to make it code-compliant; and

Whereas, NYPH plans to relocate the entire Nagle Avenue practice – three internists, three pediatricians, five or six midwives and others – two miles away to the Farrell site on West 158th Street, and then disperse its staff elsewhere within the ACN; and

Whereas, These additional moves will inconvenience another 5-6,000 patients who use the Farrell site; and

Whereas, This large-scale shuffling of services will impair the "continuity of care" that the ACN was designed to offer by providing patients with regular doctors and could result in ACN patients once again using the hospital's emergency rooms for basic medical care, which the ACN was intended to prevent; and

Whereas, At the same time as it closes the Nagle Avenue site, NYPH plans to expand the one at 4781 Broadway by comparable square footage; and

Whereas, In the event the Nagle Avenue site cannot be saved, it would make more sense to shift its services to the Broadway site, which still would be close to where the majority of the Nagle Avenue patients reside; now, therefore

Be It Resolved, Community Board 12-Manhattan urges NY-Presbyterian Hospital to reconsider closing the Ambulatory Care Network office at 64 Nagle Ave. and, in the event that this site cannot feasibly be upgraded, to shift the services to the new space being acquired at the Broadway site instead.

We look forward to receiving your response to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins Chairman

Cc:

Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor

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Honorable Jordi Reyes-Montblanc Chairman - Community Board 9 565 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10027

Dear Chairman Reyes-Montblanc:

Community Board 12 passed this resolution March 28, 2006 with 35 in favor, 0 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

Whereas, in 2005 Manhattan Community Board 9 ("CB9") submitted a 197-a Plan (the "Plan") to the New York City Department of City Planning ("DCP") that includes five general goals (build on the strong social, economic and cultural base of the community, ensure development that is compatible with the urban fabric of the district, create conditions to generate good jobs for residents, provide housing and services that are affordable to the community and provide for the future growth of the district while preserving is physical and demographic character) and six recommendations for a proposed special district encompassing the Manhattanville section of West Harlem (preserve and enhance visual corridors, rezone commercial overlays to provide for a wider variety of retail, commercial and manufacturing uses, opposition to the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of private property for the conveyance to another private owner, mandated affordable housing, prevent the displacement of residents, and explore program that links new workspace to affordable housing); and

Whereas, in 2005 Columbia University ("Columbia") presented a 197-c Plan to DCP to rezone 35 acres of land in Manhattanville as part of a plan to develop a 17- acre satellite campus in that area that would require substantial demolition of existing buildings, construct new buildings that are substantially bulkier and taller than the majority of the existing buildings at the perimeter of the proposed new campus, displace of existing businesses and residents, and envisions the state or city using powers of eminent domain in order for Columbia acquire the properties of other private owners who do not want to sell their properties to Columbia; and

Whereas, the submissions made by CB 9 and Columbia to DCP offer conflicting visions for Manhattanville and in October 2005 DCP has requested that CB 9 and Columbia work together and attempt to arrive at a single plan that reconciles the two alternate visions; and

Whereas, CB 9's Plan would not prohibit Columbia's expansion in Manhattanville but would encourage an infill, contextual, mixed-use development approach instead of a urban renewal development approach; and

Whereas, in the "Manhattanville in West Harlem Development Proposal" document that Columbia presented to CB 9 on April 20, 2004 the Manhattanville site is shown in relationship to both Columbia's Morningside Heights campus located in CB 9 and its Medical Center campus located in CB12; and

Whereas, Columbia's proposed development in the Manhattanville will have a variety of impacts on Washington Heights and Inwood including but not limited to increased pressure on its residential market; and

Whereas, CB12-M has undertaken a district-wide neighborhood planning and land use study of Washington Heights and Inwood through which it will begin to articulate its vision for matters such as contextual zoning, historic preservation, preservation of neighborhood character and development of affordable housing; and

Whereas, CB12-M has a vested interest in ensuring that city government, private developers and property owners abide by community-based planning initiatives, now therefore

Be It Resolved, Community Board 12 - Manhattan supports the goals of CB9's 197-a Plan and urges DCP, the Mayor's office and Columbia University to ensure that any development in Community District 9 work within the Plan's guidelines and vision for the future of the community.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins Chairman

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Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor

Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman

Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator

Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member

Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member

Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member

Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member

Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate

Honorable Amanda Burden, Director, Department of City Planning

Honorable Lee C. Bollinger, President of Columbia University