



Community Board 12M

Washington Heights & Inwood

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April 12, 2007

Maxine Phillips
NYSDOH, AIDS Institute,
90 Church St, 13th Floor,
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Resolution Supporting Wash. Heights Corner Project's request to register as a Syringe Exchange Program

Dear Ms. Phillips:

Community Board 12 unanimously passed this resolution at the March 27, 2007 General Meeting with 34 Members in favor

- Whereas: The Washington Heights CORNER Project (WHCP), a community based social service not-for-profit agency came before the Housing and Human Services Committee of Community Board 12 to request that CB12M support it's proposal to evolve from it's current designation as a state licensed Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP) to a Syringe Exchange Program, and
- Whereas: Research has concluded that syringe exchange is a vital public health intervention and one of the most likely and cost-effective strategies to help keep HIV incidents low, and
- Whereas: In November 2005, WHCP was founded as a street-based outreach endeavor providing counseling and education for those who are HIV positive and those at highest risk for HIV transmission and has provided services to over 100 unduplicated clients since its founding, and
- Whereas: WHCP is currently supported and funded by the New York City Council and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and
- Whereas: In New York City, HIV remains the third leading cause of death among people under 65 while HIV and drug related deaths accounted for 15% of early deaths in Washington Heights, and
- Whereas: In over a decade, syringe exchange programs reversed the AIDS epidemic in New York City, reducing the prevalence of HIV among injection drug users from 50% in 1992 to approximately 14% in 2004, and
- Whereas: The New York City Commission on AIDS recommends expanding low-threshold interventions, particularly harm reduction and syringe access programs, to prevent the spread of HIV, hepatitis C, and overdose deaths, and
- Whereas: Research shows that Syringe Exchange Programs benefit the health and safety of a community and contrary to frequently held fears, there is actually a lack of negative consequences when Syringe Exchange Program services are introduced to a community, and


Whereas: There is no over-concentration of such services as Washington Heights has no syringe exchange program at present although it has been identified by researchers as an area in need of such resources and,

Whereas: WHCP represents that it will provide services in locations deemed appropriate and registered through a strict criteria review by the New York City AIDS Institute.

Therefore;

Be It Resolved: That Community Board 12 supports WHCP's request to register as a Syringe Exchange Program serving the Washington Heights / Inwood community with service provisions to include: case management, HIV testing and counseling, Hepatitis C testing and counseling, Hepatitis A & B vaccinations, overdose prevention, and referrals to medical, mental health, and drug treatment resources, all intended to reduce the negative impacts of drug abuse and other high-risk lifestyle choices by some members of this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'V' connected together, enclosed within a large, loopy oval.

Manny Velazquez
Chair

Cc:

- Honorable Eliot Spitzer, Governor
- Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General
- Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
- Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate
- Honorable William C. Thompson, Comptroller
- Honorable Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
- Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
- Honorable Eric Schneiderman, Senator
- Honorable Bill Perkins, Senator
- Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
- Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member
- Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member
- Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member
- Honorable Dr. Richard Daines, NYSDOH Commissioner of Health
- Honorable Dr. Thomas Frieden, NYC DOHMH Commissioner
- Honorable Dr. Guthrie Birkhead, Director AIDS Institute



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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 S. Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

Dear Chairman Boyle

Community Board 12 passed the March 27, 2007 resolution with a vote of 34 members in favor

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met February 7, 2006 with business owners and members of the public to review license renewal applications to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) and to make a recommendation on each license to the SLA in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: Business owners satisfactorily responded to questions and comments from the committee and members of the public regarding their business plan and operation, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, parking, sound-proofing, music, noise, sanitation, employment opportunities and other concerns; and

Whereas: Both the SLA and the local 33rd and 34th Precincts were contacted about every location and they reported no adverse history, complaints, or violations for any of the premises up for renewal; now therefore

Be it Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the SLA renew the following licenses with the stipulation the businesses operate in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law:

107 West at 811 West 187th St. renewing On-Premises Liquor
Mambi Restaurant at 558 West 181st St. renewing On-Premises Liquor
Patrick's Pub at 221 Dyckman St. renewing On-Premises Liquor
La Terraza Restaurant at 3881 Broadway renewing Beer & Wine
Alegria Fish Corp. at 59 Audubon Ave. renewing Beer & Wine
4716 Broadway Restaurant at 4716 Broadway renewing On-Premises Liquor
Elsa La Reina del Chicharron at 4840 Broadway renewing Beer & Wine
In Vino Veritas at 1202 St. Nicholas Ave. renewing Beer & Wine
Rincon Salvadorena Restaurant at 1229 St. Nicholas Ave. renewing Beer & Wine
1446 Crystal Restaurant at 1446 St. Nicholas Ave. renewing Beer & Wine

Sincerely,



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Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member
Honorable Lawrence J. Gedda, Commissioner, SLA
Honorable Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA
Honorable Joshua B. Toas, Chief Executive Officer, SLA