



Community Board 12M

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June 1, 2006

Commissioner Matthew W. Daus
Taxi & Limousine Commission
40 Rector Street
New York, NY 10006

Re: High Bridge Car Service – License Renewal

Dear Commissioner Daus:

Community Board 12 passed this May 23rd resolution with 34 in favor, 1 opposed and recommended the Taxi & Limousine Commission renew High Bridge's For-Hire Base License.

Whereas: High Bridge Car Service, 2402 Amsterdam Avenue (at West 180th Street), has applied to the Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) to renew their For Hire Base License, and Maribelle Gomez, President, attended the May 2, 2006 Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss the application, and

Whereas: High Bridge Car Service has served the community and metropolitan area for the past 25 years, has between 65-70 drivers, provides an ADA-compliant vehicle for its customers through A Ride For All Co., has no outstanding violations, and Ms. Gomez satisfactorily responded to all questions regarding the business plan, operation, parking, and other matters, now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends the TLC renew High Bridge Car Service's For Hire Base License with the stipulation they continue to operate in accordance with all TLC rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer
Council Member Robert Jackson
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Re: High Class Car Service – License Renewal

Dear Commissioner Daus:

Community Board 12 passed this May 23rd resolution with 34 in favor, 1 opposed and recommended the Taxi & Limousine Commission renew High Class' For-Hire Base License.

Whereas: High Class Car Service, 604 West 158th Street (between Broadway & Edward Morgan Place), has applied to the Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) to renew their For Hire Base License, and Antonio Cabrera, President, and a representative, Quemi Familia, both attended the May 2, 2006 Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss the application, and

Whereas: High Class Car Service has served the community and metropolitan area for the past 11 years at its present location, has 300 drivers, provides an ADA-compliant vehicle for its customers through the New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers, has no outstanding violations, and both Mr. Cabrera and Mr. Familia satisfactorily responded to all questions regarding the business plan, operation, parking, and other matters, now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends the TLC renew High Class Car Service's For Hire Base License with the stipulation they continue to operate in accordance with all TLC rules and regulations.

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Re: Reyno Car Service – License Renewal

Dear Commissioner Daus:

Community Board 12 passed this May 23rd resolution with 34 in favor, 1 opposed and recommended the Taxi & Limousine Commission renew Reyno's For-Hire Base License.

Whereas: Reyno Car Service, 1268 St. Nicholas Avenue (at West 173rd Street), has applied to the Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) to renew their For Hire Base License, and Fenix Martinez, President, attended the May 2, 2006 Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss the application, and

Whereas: Reyno Car Service has for 21 years served the community and metropolitan area, the past 12 years at its present location, has 45 drivers, provides an ADA-compliant vehicle for its customers through Vega Transportation, has no outstanding violations, and the President, Mr. Martinez satisfactorily responded to all questions regarding the business plan, operation, parking, and other matters, now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends the TLC renew Reyno Car Service's For Hire Base License with the stipulation they continue to operate in accordance with all TLC rules and regulations.

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Commissioner Matthew W. Daus
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New York, NY 10006

Re: Riverside Radio Dispatcher – License Renewal

Dear Commissioner Daus:

Community Board 12 passed this May 23rd resolution with 34 in favor, 1 opposed and recommended the Taxi & Limousine Commission renew Riverside's For-Hire Base License.

Whereas: Riverside Radio Dispatcher, 1642 St. Nicholas Avenue (at West 192nd Street), has applied to the Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) to renew their For Hire Base License, and Elvin Marte, President, attended the May 2, 2006 Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss the application, and

Whereas: Riverside Radio Dispatcher has for 22 years served the community and metropolitan area, has nearly 300 drivers, provides an ADA-compliant vehicle for its customers through All Ride Co., has no outstanding violations, and the President, Mr. Marte satisfactorily responded to all questions regarding the business plan, operation, parking, and other matters, now therefore

Be It Resolved: Community Board 12 recommends the TLC renew Riverside Radio Dispatcher's For Hire Base License with the stipulation they continue to operate in accordance with all TLC rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

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Chairman Daniel B. Boyle
New York State Liquor Authority
Alfred E. Smith Building
80 S. Swan Street, Suite 900
Albany, NY 12210-8002

**Re: *That's Amore Pizza*
 1405A St. Nicholas Avenue
 New York, NY 10033**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this May 23rd resolution with 31 in favor, 4 opposed and recommended the State Liquor Authority grant That's Amore Pizza an Eating Place Beer License.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met May 2, 2006 with Nelson and Luis Uzhca, the owners of That's Amore Pizza to review their new application for Eating Place Beer 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 have operated this pizzeria for three years, serve full menu until 10:00pm seven days a week, seat 20 people on-premises, and have 5 employees, and

Whereas: The owners have operated the same business at 347 East 14th Street in Manhattan for the past two years with an Eating Place Beer license, without violation, and

Whereas: The 34th Precinct reported no adverse history for That's Amore Pizza, now therefore

Be it Resolved: That CB12 recommends the SLA grant That's Amore Pizza an Eating Place Beer License.

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Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Re: 3856 West Restaurant (d/b/a El Mirador)
3856 10th Avenue
New York, NY 10034

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed this May 23rd resolution with 34 in favor, 1 opposed and recommended the State Liquor Authority not grant 3856 West Restaurant (d/b/a El Mirador) an On-Premises Liquor license.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met May 2, 2006 with Teodoro Osta, one of the owners (Norma Ponce, Miguel Solis are the other two owners) of 3856 West Restaurant (d/b/a El Mirador) to review their new application for On-Premises Liquor 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 have operated this Spanish-American restaurant for two months, serve food until 2:00am weekdays and 4:00am on weekends, seat 80 people on-premises, and have 10 employees, and

Whereas: The 34th Precinct responded to 13 recent noise complaints at 3856 West Restaurant (d/b/a El Mirador), including six in April 2006 for disorderly premises and loud music, and

Whereas: The location (formerly known as El Mariachi II) has a history of violations, disorderly premises, loud music and noise complaints, which have adversely impacted the neighborhood's quality of life, now therefore

Be it Resolved: That CB12 does not recommend the SLA grant 3856 West Restaurant (d/b/a El Mirador) an On-Premises Liquor License.

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President Lee C. Bollinger
Columbia University
535 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10032

Dear President Bollinger:

Community Board 12 unanimously passed this May 23rd resolution with 36 members in favor and recommended the development of 2142 Amsterdam Avenue for affordable housing.

Whereas: 2142 Amsterdam Avenue (Block 2123 / Lot 68) is a 2,500 square foot (25 feet wide, 100 feet deep) vacant lot located at Amsterdam Avenue between 167th Street and 168th Street (the "Site") which is owned by the Trustees of Columbia University ("Columbia"), and

Whereas: Based on current zoning the Site can accommodate approximately 10,000 square feet of residential space and 5,000 square feet of community facility space, and

Whereas: Columbia committed, circa 1988, to donate 2142 Amsterdam Avenue for development as affordable housing as part of its negotiations with the City of New York to obtain approvals required to build the Audubon Research and Development project (the "R&D Project") and Columbia reaffirmed the aforementioned commitment during its negotiations with CB12 and the City related to the 2003 ULURP applications for the Audubon IV phase of the R&D Project; and

Whereas: Redevelopment of the Site has not progressed for nearly 20 years, and

Whereas: Based on a presentation made to the Land Use committee by the Community League of the Heights in May 2005, the development of a 10-unit rental building at the Site is feasible and project funding, including low-income tax credits, is available from the Enterprise Foundation in addition to City and State government; and

Whereas: There is unmet demand in Washington Heights and Inwood for an affordable housing and for community facility space to accommodate local not-for-profit organizations, cultural arts groups and range of community-service entities; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That Community Board 12-Manhattan ("CB12-M") urges Columbia to honor its dual commitment to donate 2142 Amsterdam Avenue for development as affordable housing and to work with the Board on proposed development of this property; and be it further

Resolved: CB12-M supports a mixed-use development at 2142 Amsterdam Avenue that creates the maximum amount of residential space permitted by zoning and includes as much community facility space as practical given zoning, design and financial considerations; and be it additionally

Resolved: CB12-M urges Columbia, as it previously agreed to do, and City government to work cooperatively with CB12-M to ensure that the Site is developed by a community-based organization located in Washington Heights-Inwood that has the experience and track record needed to undertake the project and also has credibility with the city, state and other entities from which financing will need to be obtained.

Martin Collins, Chairman

Charles DeFino, District Manager

We look forward to receiving your response to this resolution.

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Hon. Robert Jackson, City Council Member
Hon. Miguel Martinez, City Council Member
Hon. Rosemond Pierre-Louis, Manhattan Deputy Borough President
Hon. Anthony Borelli, Director of Land Use, Manhattan Borough President's Office
Mr. Robert Kasdin, Senior Executive Vice President, Columbia University
Ms. Maxine Griffith, Executive Vice President Government & Community Affairs, Columbia University
Mr. Ross Frommer, Deputy Vice President Government & Community Affairs, Columbia University
Ms. Sandra Harris, Assistant Vice President Government & Community Affairs, Columbia University
Ms. Yvonne Stennett, Executive Director, Community League of the Heights