



Community Board 12M

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Manny Velazquez, Chairman
Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

May 29, 2009

Honorable Malcolm Smith
Senate Majority Speaker
909 Legislative Office Building
Albany, N.Y. 12247

Honorable Sheldon Silver
Speaker
NYS Assembly
932 Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Mr. Smith & Mr. Silver:

Please be advised that the General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 27-3-1-1 regarding School Governance.

Whereas: Mayoral Control of New York City Schools has not improved New York City's public schools as evidenced by failure of national test scores to rise for 4th or 8th grade reading or 8th grade math; failure to close the achievement gap between Black & Hispanic students and White & Asian students; failure significantly to effect higher graduation rates, with almost 75% of English Language Learners, who comprise 40% District 6 students, not graduating high school on time; and dismal achievement levels of District 6 8th grade students, of whom only 30% reach New York State standards in science, and only 16% reach New York State standards in social studies; and

Whereas: The Department of Education (DOE) under Mayoral control used 8th grade test scores to mark improvement rather than achievement, enabling it to grant "A" or "B" grades to 12 out of 13 of District 6's middle schools, despite poor test results; and

Whereas: The DOE under Mayoral control instituted a test-driven curriculum lacking instruction in the arts, sciences and social studies, and which has denied many students cultivation of writing skills, critical thinking, creativity and imagination; and

Whereas: The current capital budget of the DOE under Mayoral control includes no new seats in District 6, the home of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, despite the continued overcrowding of our district that has been relieved only by converting closets, storage rooms, labs, libraries, gyms and art rooms into classroom space, and by failing to provide enough full-day pre-K seats; and

Whereas: The DOE under Mayoral control continually has disregarded the views of communities and their representatives including Community Education Councils and District Leadership Teams by arbitrarily, capriciously and unilaterally making programming decisions without community input or over community objection, resulting in parent demonstrations at PS 128, PS 153, and PS 173 in District 6, and at other schools in other districts; and

- Whereas:** The DOE under Mayoral control eliminated community-based educational leadership and local administration of services by mandating that "District Superintendents" spend 90% of their time outside of their own district, and dismantled the District Offices that managed enrollment, transportation, special education and other issues of local concern; and
- Whereas:** The DOE under Mayoral control has been fundamentally antidemocratic, violating numerous City and State laws, resulting in successful lawsuits against DOE, and allocating hundreds of millions of dollars in no-bid contracts without oversight by an independent entity such as the City Council or Comptroller; and
- Whereas:** The best educational policies are those that are responsive to students' needs, are based on accurate and transparent information, include checks and balances and serve to improve student outcomes; and
- Whereas:** Oversight and enforcement of New York City's public schools should reside locally, not in Albany, irrespective of the status of Mayoral control; and
- Whereas:** The Parent Commission on School Governance on Mayoral Control has proposed a comprehensive and integrated series of recommendations for empowering parents and communities; guaranteeing independent auditing of DOE; and addressing the need for adequate school facilities and guidance staff, reduced class size and universal pre-K; now therefore be it
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan urges the State Legislature not to renew Mayoral control of the New York City Department of Education as it currently exists when that control "sunset" on June 30th, 2009, so as to restore the balance of power and balance of influence in New York City's public school governance; and be it further
- Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan endorses the Parent Commission's proposals to:

- Provide for parent representation on the Board of Education and make education policy subject to State and City law;
- Create new oversight offices (e.g., an Independent Accountability Office, an Inspector General and an Ombudsperson to resolve parental complaints) which are answerable to the public;
- Ensure transparency, accuracy and independent evaluation of data gathering and reporting;
- Restore the role of Superintendents and School Districts, and give authority to Community Education Councils to approve all school sitings, openings and closings;
- Strengthen parent input by reinstating the power of School Leadership Teams, and by creating an independent parent organization with a dedicated source of funding;
- Ensure that the school system meets the needs of every student with special needs;
- Convene a commission to create a constitution to define the mission, core principles and goals of New York City's public schools;
- Require that the Chancellor be an Educator;

and urges the Governor and the Legislature to adopt these recommendations, with the expectation that such reforms will lead to fundamental improvements in the quality of the education our children receive.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez
Chair

cc: Honorable David Paterson, Governor
Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, State Senator
Honorable Bill Perkins, State Senator
Honorable Herman D. Farrell Jr., Assembly Member
Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Assembly member
Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member
Honorable Robert Jackson, Council Member
Honorable Joe I. Klein, DOE Chancellor
Josh Karan, Parent Commission on School Governance
Albania Jimenez, Chair of Youth & Education



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May 27, 2009

Hon. Adrian Benepe
Commissioner
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
The Arsenal, Central Park
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

Please be advised that Community Board 12-Manhattan passed the following resolution regarding a Grotto in Fort Tryon Park by a vote of 28-1-0-2 at its General Meeting on May 26, 2009:

Whereas: The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) established a long-range plan in 1983 for the restoration of Fort Tryon Park; and

Whereas: The Alpine Garden grotto – a stone cavern with a collecting pool and cascading waters over stone outcroppings, located to the east of the Cloisters and west of the lawn along Broadway near Dongan Street – is an original fixture of this landmarked park included in Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.'s original 1935 design, and its restoration was included in DPR's 1983 plan; and

Whereas: \$70,000 has been allocated for fountain engineering work and landscaping for this project; and

Whereas: DPR already has laid the foundation for this work with preliminary tree work, extensive removal of invasives and comprehensive repairs to the underlying plumbing; and

Whereas: Representatives of DPR made an extensive presentation of their plan and the related work at the May 5th meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee; now therefore be it

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, supports DPR's renovation plan for the Grotto, and urges the Public Design Commission to approve said plan.

Thank you for your consideration of the board's position on this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator

Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell Jr., Assembly Member
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Hon. Robert Jackson, Council Member
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Council Member
Hon. William Castro, Manhattan Parks Commissioner
John Herrold, Riverside Park Administrator
Jennifer Hoppa, Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator



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Michael Hurwitz
Director, Greenmarket
Council on the Environment Of New York City
51 Chambers Street, Room 228, New York, NY 10007

Please be advised that The General Meeting of Community Board 12, Manhattan held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 passed a resolution with a vote of 30-1-0-0 regarding a Farmers' Market on West 181st Street at Fort Washington Avenue.

Whereas: Greenmarkets have operated successfully at 175th Street for over 28 years, and on Isham Street for almost five years, but residents of the northwestern portion of Washington Heights are not served by either Greenmarket; and

Whereas: Nine hundred forty four community residents signed a petition requesting a Greenmarket in Bennett Park, and representatives brought that petition to a meeting of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee on 2/5/2008; and

Whereas: That discussion and discussions at subsequent meetings of the Parks & Cultural Affairs and the Traffic & Transportation Committees, as well as the staff of the Parks Department; the 34th Precinct; and the NYC Council on the Environment, Directors of Greenmarket; noted significant operational problems with operating a market in Bennett Park itself due to dense use and limited access for vendors' trucks and produce; and

Whereas: Many other sites were considered, researched and discussed at length at meetings of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee and with CENYC/Greenmarket over the ensuing fifteen months but were rejected due operational complications, lack of foot traffic and/or community opposition; and

Whereas: The sidewalk on the north side of W 181st Street between Fort Washington Avenue and Magaw Place is very wide, and has only five metered spots extending east from the corner, with the remainder of the block designated as a "No Parking" area due to the presence of a church at that location; and

Whereas: The Collegiate Church enthusiastically supports the siting of a greenmarket on its adjacent sidewalk; and

Whereas: A greenmarket in the 181st Street area continues to enjoy wide support at public meetings (GoGreen WaHI, town halls, various community groups and not-for-profits), on blogs, and in on-line chat groups (Yahoo, Facebook, etc.), whenever and wherever it is discussed; and

Whereas: The proposed Greenmarket would be open on Fridays, for regional farmers to sell fruits, vegetables, and other farm products, and would operate with a market manager on site at all times; and

Whereas: The Greenmarket would involve a loss of only metered five parking spaces, and would not adversely affect street traffic as would be no street closure; and

Whereas: Greenmarket agreed to advertise and promote local businesses and restaurants which obtain ingredients from Greenmarket farmers each week, and to partner with local schools and community-based organizations to promote healthy eating and lifestyle choices; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, recommends the institution of a weekly (Friday) seasonal Greenmarket on the northern sidewalk of West 181st Street between Fort Washington Avenue and Magaw Place, and the alteration of local parking regulations and signage to suspend parking except for farmers' and Greenmarket vehicles when the Greenmarket is in operation.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



Manny Velazquez
Chair

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Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General
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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
Chairman
New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210-8002

**Re: Harrco Ent. Corp.
4455 Broadway**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and does not recommend the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Harrco Ent. Corp.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new restaurant wine license to the State Liquor Authority from Harrco Ent. Corp. at 4455 Broadway between West 192nd Street and Fairview Avenue; and

Whereas: No one for or from Harrco Ent. Corp. attended the May 5, 2009 to discuss the method of operation despite Community Board 12's invitation letter; newspaper published listing of the agenda topic and posting of flyers on entire square block where the proposed premises aspires to open; and

Whereas: The failure of the applicant or a duly authorized representative to attend the May 5, 2009 meeting means community residents, law enforcement representatives and community board members cannot provide input and since the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law allows the community board 30 days henceforth notification of the intent to apply for a license; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan does not recommend the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Harrco Ent. Corp. at 4455 Broadway between West 192nd Street and Fairview Avenue.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez
Chairman

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**Re: Negro Claro Corp.
3805 10th Avenue**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and does **not recommend** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Negro Claro Corp.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new on-premises liquor license to the State Liquor Authority from Negro Claro Corp. at 3805 10th Avenue between West 204-205th Street; and

Whereas: A representative, Adrian Hunt, Esq. attended on behalf of the owner, Eileen Araujo, and discussed the method of operation; they want a new on-premises license for a tapas bar tavern; the location is an old tire shop; it's ADA-accessible 1,776 sq.ft; they'll be open seven days a week from 2:00pm-2:00am; hours of operation where amended by the representative; food will be available at all hours of operation; five (5) employees plus owner on-site; background music, CD's only; occupancy is 67 on the floor plus 12 seats at the bar; and

Whereas: The representative said with the redevelopment of the area the owner thought this was a good idea and an opportunity to display artwork from the Latino community; concerns were expressed by committee members about parking and the proximity to the front door of St. Jude's Church; and

Whereas: The 34th precinct is opposed to the license due to the abundance of lounges and clubs in the immediate area, which include Umbrella, TBA Lounge (formerly Ambaroom); Skyline Cafe; Euro Latino Lounge and Melodia; the 34th precinct feels the place is ripe for a full takeover with the adjacent auto mechanic uses, which are not doing well, being obtained and 3805 10th Avenue turned into a huge nightclub across the street from the Dyckman Houses; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan does **not recommend** the State Liquor Authority grant a new on-premises liquor license to Negro Claro Corp. at 3805 10th Avenue between West 204-205th Street.

Sincerely,

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**Re: Zervian Café
206 Dyckman Street**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and recommended the State Liquor Authority grant a new restaurant wine license to Zervian Café.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new restaurant wine license to the State Liquor Authority from Zervian Café at 206 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Vermilyea Avenue; and

Whereas: The owner, Jackelyn Burgos attended and discussed the method of operation for the premises which is open for business; the owner purchased the location two weeks ago; the restaurant has six tables and 15 seats plus three stools at the counter; hours of operation are from 7:00am-1:00am seven days a week, jukebox music only; they have three employees – all staff are from Washington Heights-Inwood; the restaurant is ADA-accessible including the bathroom; and

Whereas: The 34th precincts had no objections or adverse history and there were no concerns or objections from the public or committee members; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new restaurant wine license to Zervian Café at 206 Deskman Street between Broadway and Vermilyea Avenue; and be it further

Resolved: The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented May 5, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,

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**Re: Bello Deli Food
5009 Broadway**

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and recommended the State Liquor Authority grant a new eating place beer license to Bello Deli Food.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for an application for a new eating place beer license to State Liquor Authority from Bello Deli Food at 5009 Broadway at the corner of West 214th Street; and

Whereas: The owner, Ana Burgos attended and discussed the method of operation; Bello Deli Food is a deli grocery and inside are three tables with 12 chairs and a standing counter at the front window; the eating place beer will allow customers to purchase beer for on-premises consumption; Bello serves a variety of hot and cold food with 80% of the sales from the deli and 20% from beverages; Bello has a license for the sale of beer for off-premises consumption; they have four employees and are open Monday through Saturday from 7:00am-10:00pm, Sunday from 10:00am-9:00pm; background only radio/CD music; it is ADA-accessible; and

Whereas: There were no objections or reports of adverse history from the 34th precinct, community residents, or board members; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority grant a new eating place beer license to Bello Deli Food at 5009 Broadway at the corner of West 214th Street; and be it further

Resolved: The recommendation is exclusively for the method of operation presented May 5, 2009 and if the method of operation changes the owner must submit beforehand a new method of operation form to CB12 and the SLA.

Sincerely,



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Hon. Daniel B. Boyle
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Re: **Barrow Tavern Inc. (dba: Liffy) at 5009 Broadway (serial number: 10277)**
C&H Hamlet Bar Ltd. (dba: Irish Eyes) at 5008 Broadway (serial number: 1027725)
Harger Donut Shop Inc. (dba: Coral) at 3801 Broadway (serial number: 1160266)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and **recommended** the State Liquor Authority renew the abovementioned on-premises liquor licenses.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met April 7, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for applications to the State Liquor Authority to renew on-premises liquor licenses for Barrow Tavern Inc. (dba: Liffy) at 5009 Broadway at the corner of West 214th Street; C&H Hamlet Bar Ltd. (dba: Irish Eyes) at 5008 Broadway at the corner of West 213th Street; and Harger Donut Shop Inc. (dba: Coral) at 3801 Broadway between West 158th and 159th Street; and

Whereas: There were no objections or reports of adverse history from community residents, law enforcement representatives, or community board members; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor licenses for:

- Barrow Tavern Inc. (dba: Liffy) at 5009 Broadway (serial number: 1027724)
- C&H Hamlet Bar Ltd. (dba: Irish Eyes) at 5008 Broadway (serial number: 1027725)
- Harger Donut Shop Inc. (dba: Coral) at 3801 Broadway (serial number: 1160266)

Sincerely,

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Re: Emilou Inc. at 829 West 181st Street (serial number: 1164455)
Danny F. Donuts Corp. at 3868 10th Avenue (serial number: 1158611)
El Nuevo Ambiente Corp. at 4986 Broadway (serial number: 1130457)
181 Restaurant Corp. (dba: Hudson View Restaurant) at 770 West 181st Street (serial number: 1201233)
New St. Nicholas Fish Market (dba: Dominican & Japanese Seafood) at 1601 St. Nicholas Ave. (serial number: 1186857)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and **recommended** the State Liquor Authority renew the abovementioned restaurant wine licenses.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for applications to the State Liquor Authority to renew restaurant wine licenses for Emilou Inc. at 829 West 181st Street corner of Cabrini Boulevard; Danny F. Donuts Corp. at 3868 10th Avenue corner of West 207th Street; El Nuevo Ambiente Corp. at 4986 Broadway between West 211-212th Street;
181 Restaurant Corp. (dba: Hudson View Restaurant) at 770 West 181st Street corner of Ft. Washington Avenue; New St. Nicholas Fish Market (dba: Dominican & Japanese Seafood) at 1601 St. Nicholas Avenue between West 190-191st Street; and

Whereas: There were no objections or reports of adverse history from community residents, law enforcement representatives, or community board members; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan **recommends** the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor licenses for:

- Emilou Inc. at 829 West 181st Street (serial number: 1164455)
- Danny F. Donuts Corp. at 3868 10th Avenue (serial number: 1158611)
- El Nuevo Ambiente Corp. at 4986 Broadway (serial number: 1130457)
- 181 Restaurant Corp. (dba: Hudson View Restaurant) at 770 West 181st Street (serial number: 1201233)
- New St. Nicholas Fish Market (dba: Dominican & Japanese Seafood) at 1601 St. Nicholas Ave. (serial number: 1186857)

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Re: Guadalupe Victoria
 3825 Broadway
 Serial Number: 1107334

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and recommended the State Liquor Authority renew the eating place beer license for Guadalupe Victoria.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement and community board members for applications to the State Liquor Authority to renew the eating place beer license for Broadway Guadalupe Corp. (dba: Guadalupe Victoria) at 3825 Broadway; and

Whereas: There were no objections or reports of adverse history from community residents, law enforcement representatives, or community board members; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority renew the eating place beer license for Broadway Guadalupe Corp. (dba: Guadalupe Victoria) at 3825 Broadway (serial number: 1107334).

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez
Chairman

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Re: Indian Road Café
600 West 218th Street
Serial Number: 1196819

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and recommended the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for Indian Road Café.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement representatives and community board members for an application to the State Liquor Authority to renew the restaurant wine license for Hudson Fulton Corp. (dba: Indian Road Café) at 600 West 218th Street at the corner of Indian Road; and

Whereas: There were two recent noise complaints for the year-old Indian Road Café on evenings the establishment had live music, which the CB12 District Manager will address with the owner; the recommendation will be to close the establishment's windows on evenings when live music is played; and

Whereas: There were no other concerns, objections, or adverse history from community residents, law enforcement representatives, or community board members; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends the State Liquor Authority renew the restaurant wine license for Hudson Fulton Corp. (dba: Indian Road Café) at 600 West 218th Street at the corner of Indian Road (serial number: 1196819).

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Manny Velazquez, Chairman
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May 27, 2009

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

Re: Rafalex Inc. (dba: Lighthouse Café)
1952 Amsterdam Avenue
Serial Number: (1163760)

Dear Chairman Boyle:

Community Board 12 passed the following resolution at its May 26th general meeting and does not recommend the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor license for Rafalex Inc.

Whereas: The Economic Development Committee met May 5, 2009 to obtain input from community residents, law enforcement representatives and community board members for an application to the State Liquor Authority to renew the on-premises liquor license for Rafalex Inc. (dba: Lighthouse Café Restaurant) at 1952 Amsterdam Avenue between West 157-158th Street whose license is currently operating under the State Administrative Procedure Act (SAPA); and

Whereas: The establishment is not doing business as Lighthouse Café Restaurant, it is Da' Zhavu Lounge which the 33rd Precinct Commanding Officer Joseph Dowling reported has a recidivist history of violations and unlawful activity including: June 10, 2008 non-fatal shooting of a female inside Da' Zhavu that resulted from a brawl inside the premises – an arrest was made in this case; March 23, 2008 a third degree misdemeanor from disorderly premises; February 8, 2009 assault and disorderly premises; March 17, 2009 misdemeanor assaults from over-serving of alcohol to customers on-premises; in the past year, Da' Zhavu was nuisance abated twice and the Vice Squad executed a warrant; now therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan does not recommend the State Liquor Authority renew the on-premises liquor license for Rafalex Inc. (dba: Lighthouse Café Restaurant) at 1952 Amsterdam Avenue between West 157-158th Street (serial number: 1163760) give the recidivist history of violations and unlawful activity in the above whereas clause.

Sincerely,

Manny Velazquez
Chairman

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

Hon. Bill Perkins, State Senator
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Council Member
Hon. Robert Jackson, Council Member
Hon. Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate
Hon. Jeanique Greene, Commissioner, SLA
Hon. Noreen Healey, Commissioner, SLA