COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 12 Borough of Manhattan

711 West 168 Street, New York, New York 10032



December 5, 2001

Hon. C. Virginia Fields Manhattan Borough President Municipal Building, 19th Floor One Centre Street New York, NY 10007

Dear Borough President Fields:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board 12, Manhattan at its general meeting on November 27, 2001:

Whereas:

Article 5.01 of the By-laws of Community Board 12, Manhattan state that "[s]ufficient cause for removal of appointed board members shall consist of any one of the following:

- "(1) Three unexcused absences during any six consecutive months from duly called regular general meetings of the board.
- "(2) Three unexcused absences from any duly called meetings of any standing committee(s) if that is the member's only standing committee appointment during any six consecutive months", and

Whereas:

The Board has followed all of its written procedures for notification, and

Whereas:

Appointed board members Bertie Ray, III and Cheryl Tidwell have missed three consecutive

general meetings; therefore

Be It

Resolved:

that Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that the Borough President remove Bertie

Ray III and Cheryl Tidwell from the Board, for cause.

Sincerely.

Walther G. Delgado

Chairman

CC:

Hon. Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor, New York City

Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Alan Hevesi, N.Y.C. Comptroller Hon. Mark Green, N.Y.C. Public Advocate

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Rafael Beaumont

Opposed

Roll Call:

In Favor

Rev. Antonio Almonte

Jacqueline Aristy

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Abby Belkin

James Berlin

Fredericka Cuenca

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Leslie Foster

Beatrice Hall

Herbert Harwitt

Joyce F. Holland

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Maria Luna

Benjamin Mantell

Helen Morik

Marcos Navarro

William C. Ortega

Julio Peguero

Martha Pepin

Ron Peterson

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Maria Sierra

Barbara Smith Ramos

Juan Villar

Sandra Wachspress

Msgr. Gerald Walsh

TOTAL:

29 In Favor

1 Opposed

3 Abstention

0 Not Voting

Abstain

Emilia Cardona

Dr. Pamela Palanque North

Not Voting

Elouise Whitehurst

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December 5, 2001

Hon. Peter F. Vallone
Speaker & Majority Leader
The Council
City Hall
New York, N.Y. 10007

Dear Speaker Vallone:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board 12, Manhattan at its general meeting on November 27, 2001:

Whereas:

the events of September 11, 2001 demonstrated the dedication and selflessness of our

uniformed City workers, and

Whereas:

on the morning of September 11, 2001 several hundred teachers and administration in

the schools at and surrounding Ground Zero also showed true selflessness and

dedication by escorting or directing their students out of harm's way, and

Whereas:

On the day of September 11, 2001, teachers and administration in other parts of the City

provided guidance, support and safe passage to their students, and

Whereas:

the uniformed personnel have received acclaim from the government and the media, and

Whereas:

these teachers have not been given the public recognition they deserve for ensuring that

all of the students under their supervision and care had safe egress, therefore

Be It Resolved:

That Community Board 12 urges the City Council to award these devoted teachers

citations for valor at a special ceremony at the City Council.

Sincerely

Walther G. Delgado

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December 5, 2001

Mayor-Elect Michael R. Bloomberg 126 East 56th Street, 7th Floor New York, NY 10022

Dear Mayor-Elect Bloomberg:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board 12, Manhattan at its general meeting on November 27, 2001:

Whereas: The population of New York City grew over the last decade by more than 450,000 people

to over 8 million while the City constructed only 85,000 new housing units.

Whereas: The City of New York's capital budget to build and preserve affordable housing is less than

half of what it was in 1990 (adjusted for inflation).

Whereas: More than 525,000 families at all income levels (one-quarter of all renter households) pay

more than half their income for rent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and 150,000

families live in housing with serious maintenance or repair problems.

Whereas: The vacancy rate for apartments, at all but the very highest rent levels, has decreased

dramatically over the past four years; it went down by almost 4 percent for apartments

renting under \$700 and by 66 percent for those renting under \$400.

Whereas: Many housing units built with direct or indirect subsidies are in jeopardy of being lost to the

affordable housing stock; Federal project-based subsidies, rental restrictions financed with federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits and the regulatory agreement and long-term taxabatements that supported Mitchell-Lama buildings are in the process of expiring and the inevitable outcome will be that a substantial number of apartments will be converted to

high, market-level rents.

Whereas: The scarcity of affordable housing jeopardizes the City's continued economic success as

growing companies will be reluctant to locate or expand here if their employees cannot find

affordable places to live.

Whereas: The crisis affects people at virtually every level of the economic spectrum: homeless, low-

income, moderate-income, and middle-income people cannot find decent, affordable

housing.

Whereas:

The housing crisis undermines quality education and other vital municipal services: children cannot fulfill their potential in school while living in overcrowded or substandard housing and teachers and many of the City's uniformed service employees who cannot afford to lie in New York City have been forced to find more affordable housing in suburbs far outside the communities they serve.

Whereas:

Substandard housing conditions such as those that are prevalent in Community Board 12. Manhattan have been linked to chronic health problems among New Yorkers, especially childhood asthma, further straining an already overburdened public health care system.

Whereas:

New York City has many outstanding housing programs, an impressive history of public/private partnerships, innovative private financing approaches, and an infrastructure of not-for-profit and for-profit developers, but is missing the adequate public investment to meet the overwhelming housing need.

Be It Resolved:

Community Board 12, Manhattan endorses the platform statement of Housing Firstl and calls on the City of New York, The Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, and City Council Members to commit to a substantial public investment in housing.

Sincerely,

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