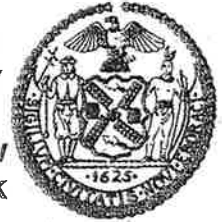


**COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 12**  
**Borough of Manhattan**

711 West 168 Street, New York, New York 10032

**The  
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November 27, 2002

Ms. Violet Tabor  
Executive Director  
Minority Task Force on Aids  
3280 Broadway, Suite 302  
New York, NY 10027

Dear Ms. Tabor:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board 12 Manhattan at its general meeting on November 26, 2002:

- Whereas:** The Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) plans to transfer ownership of 567 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> St. to the Minority Task Force on AIDS (MTFA) through the Urban Development Action Area Procedure; and
- Whereas:** Since 1989 MTFA has occupied this building, which it uses for an office for its scattered-site housing program and for two temporary apartments for its clients; and
- Whereas:** Through its scattered-site housing program, MTFA administers 100 apartments for people with AIDS throughout Northern Manhattan 50 for families and 50 for single adults – and 60 of those apartments are in the Board 12 area; and
- Whereas:** MTFA provides vital services to people who are among the neediest in our society, including case management and substance abuse counseling; and
- Whereas:** HPD has committed itself to pay for the necessary rehabilitation work, including modifications to make portions of the building handicapped accessible; therefore
- Be It Resolved:** That Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the plan by HPD to transfer 567 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Minority Task Force on AIDS.

Sincerely,

  
Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

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**District Manager:**

Gregoria Feliciano

cc: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, New York City  
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Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman, District 15  
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Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Assemblyman, District 71  
Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilman, District 7  
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilman, District 10  
Hon. Jerilyn Perine, Commissioner, Dept. of HPD  
Hon. John Warren, First Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of HPD  
Hon. Ann Marie Hendrickson, Asst. Commissioner, Dept. of HPD  
Craig Montalbano, Supervisor of Special Projects, Dept of HPD

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November 27, 2002

Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board #12, Manhattan at its' General Meeting, on Tuesday, November 26, 2002:

- Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan continues to view public libraries as providers of vital and essential services. The Community Board endorses maintaining the necessary city funds to keep the Fort Washington, the Washington Heights as well as the Inwood Libraries, open 6-days a week. In addition, we support the need for additional funds to allow the libraries to purchase new books and materials and provide public programming; and
- Whereas: Since the inception of six-day service in FY'94, attendance has increased 35% and circulation 40%. In the quarter following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, circulation increased 19% and attendance increased 12% compared to the same quarter the previous year, reflecting the need our communities had for finding information, particularly relating to jobs and health; and
- Whereas: This Community Board also believes that the need to bridge the digital divide is greater then ever, and therefore funding for technology training in the libraries should be increased since 98% of their computers are available to the public for free and open internet access; and
- Whereas: Access to free library programs are essential to the community, especially for the many children whose only free after-school option is the local branch library. As many as 100,000 children use the city's public libraries everyday. Every Year, more than 600, 000 children are served by the Connecting Libraries And School Program (CLASP) and more than 50, 000 are served by the summer reading program; and

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Whereas: Community Board 12 fully supports the full renovations planned for the Fort Washington and Washington Heights branches. These branches are in desperate need of renovations that include new lighting, flooring and painting, additional new computers and community rooms renovated for public use. In addition, these two branches require installation of elevators to make them ADA compliant. The community looks forward to this work proceeding; therefore

Be it

Resolved: That Community Board #12 completely supports the needs of our local libraries, whose role in the community is extremely vital, and asks elected officials to restore necessary funding so that all three branches can adequately serve this community including individuals with disabilities.

Sincerely,



Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

cc: Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President  
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Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilman, District 10  
Michael Alvarez, Northern Manhattan, Regional Librarian

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December 2, 2002

Hon. C. Virginia Fields  
Manhattan Borough President  
Municipal Building, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Borough President Fields:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board 12 at its General Meeting on November 26, 2002:

**Whereas:** For the last few years, Community Board 12-Manhattan has had one committee covering all traffic, transportation and public safety issues; and

**Whereas:** The executive committee has determined that the increasing public safety needs (including both the police and fire services) of the community and the innumerable traffic and transportation problems we must deal with justify having two different committees for these distinct and significant interest areas once again; now therefore

**Be It**

**Resolved:** That Community Board 12-Manhattan re-establishes the Public Safety Committee and the Traffic and Transportation Committee as separate standing committees of the board pursuant to Section 11.04(2) of our by-laws, and

**Be It Further**

**Resolved:** That this resolution shall be deemed to be retroactive to September 1, 2002 upon its approval by the board and to have been in full force and effect as of that date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Zead Ramadan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

cc: Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilman, District 7  
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilman, District 10  
Mr. Noah Pfefferblit, Director of Community Affairs, Manhattan Borough President's Office

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