



## Community Board 12M

Washington Heights & Inwood

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November 26, 2003

Patricia Hamilton  
Public Art Coordinator, Art & Antiquities  
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
The Arsenal, Central Park – Room #23  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote of Community Board 12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003:

Whereas: The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation has shared works of art with different communities; and

Whereas: Tom Otterness, who lends his artistic works to the Department of Parks & Recreation for public viewing, whose work is on view in (among other places) the 14<sup>th</sup> Street station of the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue subway line, has requested permission to share his work with our community; and

Whereas: Both the artist and the Parks Department have made presentations to the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee and the General Board regarding the temporary exhibition of three sculptures within Community Board 12, Manhattan, for approximately six months starting in the Fall of 2004; and

Whereas: The displayed art will bring enjoyment to the residents of this community and will enhance the appearance of three of our park's property in Community Board 12; therefore

Be It

Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan endorses the temporary exhibition of these sculptures beginning in the Fall of 2004.

We would appreciate a response regarding the above resolution at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

CC: William T. Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
Councilman Robert Jackson, NYC Council District #07  
Councilman Miguel Martinez, NYC Council District #10

*Zead Ramadan, Chairman*

*Gregoria Feliciano, District Manager*



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

Dear Borough President Fields:

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote of Community Board 12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003:

Whereas: Article 5.01 of the By-laws of Community Board 12, Manhattan state that "sufficient 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: Board member Juan Sanchez has not attended a single meeting of any kind – New Member Orientation, Public Hearing, General Meeting or Committee Meeting – since having been appointed in May '03; and

Whereas: Mr. Sanchez did not respond to a certified letter dated 9/16/03 which stated, "your lack of written response to this letter within 30 days will signify your resignation"; therefore

Be it Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan recommends that the Borough President remove Juan Sanchez from the Board for cause.

We would appreciate a response regarding the above resolution at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

CC: Councilman Miguel Martinez, NYC Council District #10  
Roxanne Dodds, Director of Constituency Service & Community Affairs, MBPO

Zead Ramadan, Chairman

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Honorable Gretchen Dykstra  
Commissioner  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
42 Broadway  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Commissioner Dykstra;

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote of Community Board 12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003:

Whereas, a Public Hearing was held at the Isabella Geriatric Center, located at 515 Audubon Avenue, on November 6, 2003 to discuss an application submitted by Javier & David Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Caridad Restaurant, located at 1618 St. Nicholas Avenue (southeast corner of West 191<sup>st</sup> Street), for a recommendation to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with a total of 9 tables and 29 seats; and

Whereas, Eduardo Lopez, Attorney at Law, and J. Alberto Robaina, AIA, architect, presented the plans and along with restaurant's owner, Miguel A. Montas, answered questions regarding the enclosed sidewalk café; and

Whereas, the plans show 7 tables and 23 seats to be placed on the southeast side of St. Nicholas Avenue near West 191<sup>st</sup> Street, and 2 tables with 6 seats to be placed on the south side of West 191<sup>st</sup> Street between St. Nicholas and Audubon Avenues; and

Whereas, the proposal is to build 10 feet from the restaurant onto St. Nicholas Avenue and leave 10 feet for pedestrian use, and on West 191<sup>st</sup> Street to build 6 feet from the restaurant and leave 8 feet, 8 inches for pedestrians; and

Whereas, the enclosed sidewalk café will increase the restaurant's occupancy from 40 to 69 persons and provide 7 - 8 new jobs for community residents, and

Whereas, the restaurant will be soundproofed and all construction will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

Whereas, Mr. Montas assured the restaurant's garbage and recycling will be covered and stored in basement-level receptacles; and that bicycles will be stored in a way that does not impede pedestrian flow; and

Whereas, Mr. Montas volunteered to participate in the "Adopt-a-Basket" Program and committed to keeping the restaurant's front area clean; therefore

Be it Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan, recommends the Department of Consumer Affairs approve a one-year license for Javier & David Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Caridad Restaurant, to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 29 seats.

Sincerely,

Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

Zead Ramadan, Chairman

Gregoria Feliciano, District Manager

Cc: Honorable A. Gifford Miller, Speaker, New York City Council  
Honorable Miguel Martinez, New York City Council Member, District 10  
Honorable Robert Jackson, New York City Council Member, District 7  
Honorable Amanda M. Burden, Director, Department of City Planning  
Mr. Miguel A. Montas, Javier & David Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Caridad Restaurant



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December 1, 2003

Hon. Joel I. Klein  
Chancellor  
N.Y.C Department of Education  
52 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Klein:

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote of Community Board 12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003:

- Whereas: Gregorio Luperon High School has successfully grown from a one-year transitional program to a four-year, degree granting high school; and
- Whereas: Gregorio Luperon High School is in a building woefully inadequate to house a school and as a result has a host of infrastructure problems; and
- Whereas: There is no gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria nor space for science labs or library; and
- Whereas: Most classrooms have no windows, the stairways are extremely narrow, allowing only single-person passage, and there is an inadequate and often non- functioning ventilation, cooling and heating system; and
- Whereas: The proposal to add two floors to the existing school is unacceptable and will not resolve most of the school's existing problems; therefore
- Be It  
Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan demands a new site for the Gregorio Luperon High School in or bordering Washington Heights & Inwood and that it be of the highest priority in the five-year Educational Facilities Plan now being considered by the Department of Education and the community school boards.

We would appreciate a response regarding the above resolution at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation to this matter.

Sincerely,

Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

*Zead Ramadan, Chairman*

*Gregoria Feliciano, District Manager*

**Resolution RE: Finding Space for Gregorio Luperon H.S. – Page 2**

CC: Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President  
Lucille Swarns, Regional Director, Region #10, N.Y.C Department of Education  
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilman, NYC Council District #10  
Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilman, NYC Council District #07  
Carlos Rodriguez, Community Liason, Manhattan Borough Presidents Office  
Juan Villar, Principal, Gregorio Luperon High School



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Dear Chancellor Klein:

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote of Community Board 12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003:

- Whereas: The Amistad Dual Language Academy, The Muscota New School and the W. Haywood Burns Middle School have operated as schools of choice since they opened in 1996; and
- Whereas: The Amistad Dual Language Academy and Muscota New School have national reputations of schools of excellence and often unique programs; and
- Whereas: The parents of P. S. / I. S. 176 have submitted a petition to Victor Rodriguez, Director of District 6 Student Placement, with over 200 signatures asking for their school to be recognized as a school of choice; and
- Whereas: Councilman Robert Jackson, who previously served on the District 6 Community School Board has submitted a letter confirming that P.S. / I. S. 176 opened in 1996 as an unzoned school and never previously has been considered a zoned school; therefore
- Be It  
Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan supports P.S. / I. S. 176 in its request to recognized as a School of Choice by the District, and that it continue to be unzoned and open to any child residing in District 6, Region 10.

We would appreciate a response regarding the above resolution at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zead Ramadan", written over a horizontal line.

Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

*Zead Ramadan, Chairman*

*Gregoria Feliciano, District Manager*

**Resolution RE: P. S. / I. S. 176's Dual Language Academy – Page 2**

CC: Lucille Swarns, Regional Director, Region #10, N.Y.C Department of Education  
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilman, NYC Council District #10  
Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilman, NYC Council District #07  
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President  
Miriam Pedraja, Principal, P.S./ I.S #176