

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 12  
Borough of Manhattan

711 West 168 Street, New York, New York 10032

The  
City  
of  
New  
York



October 23, 2002

Honorable Gifford Miller  
Speaker  
City Council  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Miller:

The Following resolution was passed by Community Board #12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on October 22, 2002:

- Whereas:** Community 12, Manhattan has been petitioned by the family and friends of the late Luis M. Beltre to have his name added to West 184<sup>th</sup> Street between St. Nicholas Avenue and Audubon Avenue, and
- Whereas:** The twenty-six year life of Luis M. Beltre, cut short by sickle cell disease, was one of exemplary service and inspiration to the young people of the community, and
- Whereas:** Luis M. Beltre by his example and by his efforts always sought to show others the power of good education, doing this as a science teacher, as a youth worker, and in all of the other volunteer work he did and of which his biography tells, and
- Whereas:** Luis M. Beltre was born and raised on West 184<sup>th</sup> Street between St. Nicholas Avenue and Audubon Avenue, therefore
- Be It Resolved:** That Community Board 12, Manhattan requests that the City Council add the name of Luis M. Beltre Place to West 184<sup>th</sup> Street between the East side of St. Nicholas Avenue and the West side of Audubon Avenue.

Sincerely,

Zead Ramadan  
Chairman

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(212) 568-8500

District Manager: Gregoria Feliciano

cc: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, New York City  
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President  
Hon. William Thompson, N.Y.C. Comptroller  
Hon. Betsy Gotbaum, N.Y.C. Public Advocate  
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman, District 15  
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator, District 30  
Hon. David A. Paterson, State Senator, District 29  
Hon. Olga Mendez, State Senator, District 28  
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assemblyman, District 72  
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Honorable Nicholas Scoppetta  
Commissioner  
New York Fire Department  
9 Metro Tech Plaza  
Suite 8W5  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Mr. Scoppetta:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board #12, Manhattan at its General Meeting on October 22, 2002:

- Whereas:** It has come to the attention of Community Board 12 - Manhattan that the Fire Department (FDNY) is evidently still planning to place an EMS base station inside the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion firehouse at 515 W. 181<sup>st</sup> St., which is undergoing renovation; and
- Whereas:** Board 12 has repeatedly indicated its opposition to this location for the EMS facility because of the extraordinary traffic congestion on this major commercial street; and
- Whereas:** Board 12 firmly believes that this location is not suitable because it would not fulfill FDNY's expressed goal to reduce medical emergency response times in our community because of the great difficulty ambulances would have navigating through the long line of vehicles constantly backed up along West 181<sup>st</sup> Street; and
- Whereas:** Board 12 is also concerned that the presence of ambulances at the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion firehouse, which houses both Engine Company 93 and Ladder Company 45, would have a negative impact on their response times by exacerbating the traffic and parking problems they already face; and
- Whereas:** Board 12 is also concerned that creating additional traffic congestion on this street would have a negative impact on the businesses there by making it more difficult for customers to reach them; and
- Whereas:** FDNY's Chief of Department at the time called this board's District Manager, Gregoria Feliciano, on March 22, 2002 to assure her that this site was no longer being considered; and
- Whereas:** In response to Board 12's latest objection, Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta recently wrote that "we are continuing to explore our options on the makeup of the firehouse;" and

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Gregoria Feliciano

**Whereas:** Board 12 is prepared to work with the FDNY to identify an alternative location that would be more suitable; now therefore

**Be It**

**Resolved:** That Community Board 12 – Manhattan calls upon the Fire Department to abide by its previous commitment that it would not proceed with its counterproductive plan to place an EMS base station at the 13th Battalion firehouse and instead to work with the board to find another site that would be mutually satisfactory and beneficial to the community.

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George Sanchez, Director, Washington Heights Business Improvement District  
Rita Kardeman, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce of Washington Heights & Inwood