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October 4, 2005

Honorable Iris Weinshall
Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street, Room 940
New York, NY 10013

Dear Commissioner Weinshall:

Manhattan Community Board 12 passed the following resolution 38 in favor, zero opposed, with two abstentions, at its September 27, 2005 general meeting.

Whereas: A request was made for a new revocable consent to construct a handicap ramp located at the north wing of 140 Wadsworth Avenue to facilitate entrance to a doctor's office, and

Whereas: The Traffic & Transportation Committee of Community Board 12, Manhattan has reviewed this application and has no objections, therefore

Be it Resolved: Manhattan Community Board 12 approves the new revocable consent to construct an American with Disabilities Act-compliant ramp at 140 Wadsworth Avenue.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
Honorable C. Virginia Fields, Borough President
Honorable Eric Schneiderman, Senator
Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assembly Member
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Honorable Miguel Martinez, Council Member
Honorable Margaret Forgione, DOT Borough Commissioner
Dr. Bienvenido Fajardo, M.D., 140 Wadsworth Avenue

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Honorable Meenakshi Srinivasan
Chair-Board of Standards & Appeals
40 Rector Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10006

Dear Chairperson Srinivasan:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution September 27, 2005 recommending extension of the special permit granted 21 Hillside Avenue LLC for operation of a 48-car public parking lot at 21-23 Hillside Avenue.

Whereas, on June 23, 2005 an application (the "Application") was submitted to the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") by Harry Meltzer, RA (the "Applicant") on behalf of 21 Hillside Avenue LLC (the "Owner") for an extension to the term of a special permit for the parking lot located at 21-23 Hillside Avenue, Block 2170/Lot 110 (the "Property"); and

Whereas, the Property is a public parking lot that has 50 feet of frontage on Hillside Avenue and a depth of approximately 201 feet, accommodates approximately 48 cars and does not belong to any adjacent residential building, i.e.: it is a stand-alone parking lot as defined by zoning; and

Whereas, public parking lots do not conform with the zoning / district use regulations for the area and require a special permit; and

Whereas, the Property was originally established as a use exception granted by BSA in October 1959 under Calendar # 357-59-BZ and this use exception was extended several times over the years with the last extension being in June 1995 (expired June 27, 2005) under BSA Calendar # 4-95-BZ; and

Whereas, at a Public Information Meeting held by the Land Use Committee at the Nagle Avenue YM/YWHA on September 7, 2005 to obtain public comment on the request for an extension to the term of the special permit neighborhood residents provided only positive remarks pertaining to the Property generally indicating that it provides a necessary, useful and affordable service;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the requested extension to the term of the special permit for the Property under the Application.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
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21 Hillside Avenue LLC
Harry Meltzer, RA

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Honorable Edward Kelly
Chairman-New York State Liquor Authority
84 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12208

Dear Chairman Kelly:

Manhattan Community Board 12 passed the following resolution 30 in favor, one opposed, with four abstentions, at its September 27, 2005 general meeting.

Whereas: Community Board 12's (CB12) Economic Development Committee met September 6, 2005 with the owners of eight businesses and members of the public to review the businesses new State Liquor Authority (SLA) license applications and to make a recommendation to the SLA on each application in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law); and

Whereas: Each business owner(s) satisfactorily responded to questions and comments from the committee and members of the public regarding their business plan and operation, menu, hours, floor plan, occupancy, parking, sound-proofing, music, noise, sanitation, employment opportunities and other concerns; therefore

Be it Resolved: That CB12 recommends the SLA grant the following new licenses with the stipulation these businesses operate in accordance with all provisions of the ABC Law:

1) Beer & Wine for El Rancho Los Compadres Restaurant at 110 Sherman Avenue
2) Beer & Wine for Little Apple Restaurant at 537 West 207th Street
3) Beer & Wine for Jou Jou at 603 West 168th Street
4) On-Premises Liquor for Jou Jou Kuhinya at 4009 Broadway
5) On-Premises Liquor for Bleu Evolution at 806-808 West 187th Street
6) On-Premises Liquor for Washington Heights Billiard at 500 West 207th Street
7) On-Premises Liquor for F & R Restaurant at 2184 Amsterdam Avenue

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Honorable Fred J. Gioffre, Deputy Commissioner, State Liquor Authority

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Honorable Jonathan Mintz
Acting Commissioner
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Resolution concerning a newsstand at southwest corner W169 St. and Broadway (Application # 1203819)

Dear Commissioner Mintz:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution at its September 27th general meeting.

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan has been asked to review the application for a newsstand at the southwest corner of West 169th Street and Broadway, and

Whereas: The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 12, Manhattan met on September 12, 2005 to consider this application, and

Whereas: the proposed location of this newsstand is less than five feet from the canopies of two trees, and

Whereas: this newsstand and its application do not conform to the requirements of the City of New York for such newsstands, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, does not approve the application for this newsstand at the southwest corner of West 169th Street and Broadway.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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Honorable Jonathan Mintz
Acting Commissioner
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Resolution concerning a newsstand at southwest corner W207th Street and Tenth Avenue (Application # 1202845)

Dear Commissioner Mintz:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution at its September 27th general meeting.

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan has been asked to review the application for a newsstand at the southwest corner of West 207 Street at Tenth Avenue, and

Whereas: The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 12, Manhattan met on September 12, 2005 to consider this application, and

Whereas: This area is already well served by newspaper vendors who have been at this location for decades, and

Whereas: The affected street is already highly congested with pedestrian traffic, and

Whereas: This newsstand and its application do not conform to the requirements of the City of New York, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That Community Board 12, Manhattan does not approve the application for this newsstand at the southwest corner of Wes 207th Street at Tenth Avenue.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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October 4, 2005

Honorable Jonathan Mintz
Acting Commissioner
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Resolution concerning a newsstand at southeast corner W207 St. and Broadway (Application # 1204611)

Dear Commissioner Mintz:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution at its September 27th general meeting.

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan has been asked to review the application for a newsstand at the southeast corner of West 207th Street and Broadway, and

Whereas: The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board, 12 Manhattan met on September 12, 2005 to consider this application, and

Whereas: The combination of the loading zone and the proposed location of the newsstand would entirely block the pedestrian pathway, and

Whereas: This newsstand and its application thus do not conform to the requirements of the City of New York for such newsstands, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 12, Manhattan does not approve the application for this newsstand at the southeast corner of West 207th Street and Broadway.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
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October 4, 2005

Honorable Jonathan Mintz
Acting Commissioner
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Resolution concerning a newsstand at northwest corner W180 St. and Broadway (Application # 1203525)

Dear Commissioner Mintz:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution at its September 27th general meeting.

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan has been asked to review the application for a newsstand at the northwest corner of West 180th and Broadway, and

Whereas: The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 12, Manhattan met on September 12, 2005 to consider the application, and

Whereas: The proposed location of this newsstand is less than five feet from the canopy of a tree, and

Whereas: This newsstand and its application thus do not conform to the requirements of the City of New York for such newsstands, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 12, Manhattan does not approve the application for the newsstand at West 180th Street and Broadway.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
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October 4, 2005

Honorable Jonathan Mintz
Acting Commissioner
Department of Consumer Affairs
42 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Resolution concerning a newsstand at southwest corner West 158 Street (Application # 1203822)

Dear Commissioner Mintz:

Manhattan Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution at its September 27th general meeting.

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan has been asked to review the application for a newsstand at the southwest corner of West 158 Street, and

Whereas: The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 12, Manhattan met on September 12, 2005 to consider the application, and

Whereas: This newsstand and its application conform to the requirements of the City of New York for such newsstands, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That Community Board 12, Manhattan approves the application for the newsstand at the southwest corner of West 158 Street.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
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October 4, 2005

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

Dear Speaker Miller:

Manhattan Community Board 12 passed the following resolution 39 in favor, none opposed, with one abstention, at its September 27, 2005 general meeting.

Whereas: Joe Hintersteiner, from 1979 to 1994, was President and later Executive Director of Arts Interaction, an umbrella organization dedicated to the literary, visual and performing arts in Washington Heights and Inwood, and

Whereas: Under his energetic leadership, Arts Interaction offered much needed performance space for diverse local musical, literary, theater and dance groups, and

Whereas: He capably curated countless art shows for professional and amateur visual artists, senior citizens and students at Gallery 12, an art gallery once located in space shared with the offices of Community Board 12, and

Whereas: With characteristic flair, he obtained funding for and managed an annual summer concert series for more than ten years in the Anne Loftus Playground, located in Fort Tryon Park, and

Whereas: While in "retirement" Joe Hintersteiner served as a member of Community Board 12, Manhattan for over 10 years and as a director of the YM-YWHA of Washington Heights & Inwood for 12 years, and as a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Washington Heights and Inwood for 15 years, and

Whereas: In June, 1986, he was one of just thirty people who were honored as "Living Treasures" by View from The Torch, an organization whose purpose was to promote New York's cultural, ethnic and artistic diversity. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That Community Board 12, Manhattan, urges the Mayor and the City Council of the City of New York to co-name Haven Avenue from West 168th Street to West 169th Street, Manhattan as Joe Hintersteiner Place, in recognition of Mr. Hintersteiner's diligent and selfless service to the arts and to Washington Heights and Inwood, his home for 35 years.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Honorable Charles Rangel, Congressman
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November 1, 2005

Mayor Michael Bloomberg
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly
Headquarters, One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Re: Increasing the Number of Police Officers in the 33rd & 34th Precincts

Dear Mayor Bloomberg & Police Commissioner Kelly:

Community Board 12 unanimously passed the following resolution at its October 27, 2005 General Meeting.

Whereas: Manhattan Community Board 12, the Washington Heights-Inwood community has more than 210,000 residents making it the second most populated community district in Manhattan; and

Whereas: More than 120,000 people live in the 34th precinct and more than 90,000 reside in the 33rd precinct; and

Whereas: Each precinct has approximately 150 officers, which is a reduction of more than 60 officers in both precincts since 2002; and

Whereas: This is a serious public safety concern for Washington Heights-Inwood, which has suffered increased drug activity, noise and other quality of life problems, now therefore be it

Resolved: Manhattan Community Board 12 strongly recommends the City immediately increase the number of police officers in both the 33rd and 34th precincts.

We look forward to your response in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Martin Collins
Chair

Cc: Governor George Pataki
U. S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
U. S. Senator Charles E. Schumer
State Senator Eric Schneiderman
State Senator David Paterson
Congressman Charles Rangel
Assembly Member Herman D. Farrell, Jr.
Assembly Member Adriano Espaillat
Borough President C. Virginia Fields
Council Member Robert Jackson
Council Member Miguel Martinez
Chief Raymond Diaz, Manhattan North Patrol