



Community Board 12

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Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr.
Assembly Member
751 West 183rd Street
New York, NY 10033

Re: West 215th Street Steps

Dear Assembly Member Farrell:

Community Board 12 passed this September 26th resolution with 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and recommended an expeditious reconstruction of the West 215th Street Steps, which are in awful condition.

WHEREAS the Step-Street at W. 215th Street between Broadway and Park Terrace East is in a state of extreme disrepair; and

WHEREAS many of the steps are cracked, have holes, and are missing chunks of concrete in places; and

WHEREAS the landings have poor drainage and often flood, creating hazardous conditions which only worsen in winter when the pools of water turn to ice; and

WHEREAS the lighting is poor and many lamps are broken, creating particularly dangerous conditions at night; and

WHEREAS the hand railings are in a deep state of disrepair and require replacement; and

WHEREAS the above conditions are a danger and inconvenience to pedestrians and represent a significant potential legal liability to the City; and

WHEREAS Assemblyman Adriano Espaillat has allocated \$300,000 for the steps, in addition to \$66,000 already allocated for this project, but the full project is estimated to cost \$2 million; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 12, Manhattan calls upon the local elected officials to work together to obtain sufficient funding so that the reconstruction of the West 215th Street Step Street can be undertaken as quickly as possible.

Your assistance in providing funds for reconstruction of the West 215th Street Steps will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Collins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Collins
Chair