



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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Eleazar Bueno, Chairperson
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December 21, 2022

Jacques Jiha, Ph.D. Director
NYC Mayor's Office of Management and Budget
255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Public Safety Concerns at 168th Street Station Entrance

Dear Jacques Jiha, Ph.D.:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2022, Community Board 12, Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, calling upon the Mayor's Office of Management, and Budget to ensure the façade repair and restoration project at 600 West 168th Street is fully funded without further delay, and also calling upon the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYC Department of Design and Construction to expeditiously advance the necessary repairs so that the sidewalk shed can be removed.

Whereas there have been numerous documented concerns about public safety at the entrance to the 168th Street 1, A, and C subway station, and the continued presence of a sidewalk shed erected at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene property located at 600 West 168th Street, which has been in place for over 9 years, has been a contributing factor to criminal activity due to it casting darkness in the area, making it a hub for loitering, inappropriate behavior, and harassment, at least one stabbing, open sale and consumption of narcotics, and unhoused New Yorkers who are sometimes taking refuge here; and

Whereas this station is the gateway to the Washington Heights community, serving residents, a nationally recognized medical and educational facility, three junior high schools, several elementary schools, and over 3.2 million riders in 2020; and

Whereas the issues at this location were delineated in a January 30th letter initiated by the uptown elected officials and was followed up with a site tour and another letter on October 18th, including many community and civic leaders; and

Whereas the NYPD has increased patrol and presence and the issues at this location have not greatly improved,

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Now, therefore, be it resolved that Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget to ensure the façade repair and restoration project at 600 West 168th Street is fully funded without further delay, and also call upon the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYC Department of Design and Construction to expeditiously advance the necessary repairs so that the sidewalk shed can be removed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eleazar Bueno', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eleazar Bueno
Chairperson

cc:

Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor

Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Jumaane Williams, Public Advocate

Hon. Brad Lander, Comptroller

Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Congressman

Hon. Cordell Cleare, State Senator

Hon. Robert Jackson, State Senator

Hon. Alfred Taylor, Assembly Member

Hon. Manny De Los Santos, Assembly Member

Hon. Carmen De La Rosa, Council Member

Hon. Shaun Abreu, Council Member