



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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Katherine Diaz, Chairperson
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October 3, 2023

Hon. Thomas Foley, Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Design and Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

Re: Resolution supporting the Fort Washington Armory Roof Replacement Project.

Dear Commissioner, Foley:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, Community Board 12, Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting, supporting the proposed Fort Washington Armory Roof Replacement Project, and recommending its approval by the Public Design Commission.

Whereas: The New York City Department of Design and Construction ("DDC") and the New York City Department of Homeless Services ("DHS") are undertaking a roof replacement project (the "Project") at the Fort Washington Armory (the "Armory"). The Armory is owned by the City of New York and is located at Fort Washington Avenue between West 168th and 169th Streets. It was completed in 1911 and was one of the first armories in New York City designed in the Neoclassical style, instead of the Gothic Revival style favored during the 19th century. The Armory was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995; and

Whereas: The Armory's roof leaks have caused damage to the building's interior and sections of its exterior walls including parapets. The Project will correct these conditions. The scope of work for the Project includes:

1. Replacement of east and west flat roofs with a membrane roofing system and replacement of associated drains,
2. Replacement of lower sloped roofs along the north, west, and south facades with a standing-seam metal roofing system and replacement of associated drains and plumbing components connected to leader lines within the Armory,
3. Reconstruction of existing masonry parapets associated with roofing replacement,
4. Installation of metal guards at the west parapet,
5. Repairs of existing wood ceiling and decking associated with water infiltration and roof replacement,
6. Limited replacement of face brick and complete repointing of mortar joints at masonry surfaces at the west flat roof, and
7. Repairs of interior finishes associated with damage caused by water infiltration; and

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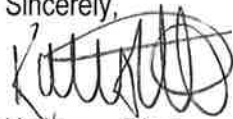
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Whereas: DDC is scheduled to submit the Project to the Public Design Commission on September 22, 2023, for review on October 16, 2023. DDC and H3, the project architect, presented the Project to the Land Use Committee on September 6, 2023. Project costs are estimated at \$15.8 million. The Project will implement work necessary to ensure the proper repair and maintenance of one of the few National Register-listed buildings located in Washington Heights, now, therefore be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the Fort Washington Armory Roof Replacement Project and recommends its approval by the Public Design Commission.

Sincerely,



Katherine Diaz

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