



Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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George Fernández Jr. - Chairman
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July 1, 2015

Honorable Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (36) In favor (0) Opposing (0) Abstain requesting that the department of Transportation evaluate the proposal to: 1. convert W. 219th Street between Broadway and Ninth Avenue from a two-way street to a one-way (westbound) street; 2. convert W. 220th Street between Broadway and Ninth Avenue from a two-way street to a one-way (eastbound) street; 3. add two speed humps (each) to W. 219th & W. 220th Streets (total of 4 humps); and 4. reconsider the placement of a light at W. 219th Street & Broadway to include a left turn lane for cuing and/or a left turn signal.

Whereas: PS/IS 278 and PS 18 are located on W. 219th & W. 220th Streets, respectively, between Broadway and Ninth Avenue, in an M-1 industrial zone whose former utility for warehouses and loading docks is reflected in a grid plan atypical of commercial and residential Manhattan streets which rely on one-way streets; and

Whereas the two schools have a combined enrollment of almost 1,000 K-8 students, most of whom walk but many of whom are driven either by bus or by private or for-hire vehicles; and

Whereas: arrival/drop-off and departure/pick-up are staggered, but create a tremendous volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, with buses and double-parked cars on both blocks, and vehicles attempting a variety of unsafe maneuvers, including U- and 3-point (or 5- or 7- point) turns, backing up, and driving on the sidewalk, to avoid a variety of obstacles in the roadway, creating an unsafe environment; and

Whereas: the car wash on W. 220th St. uses the curbside area (eastbound) to cue cars, creating additional problems in accommodating two-way traffic past that business and PS18 located further east in that block; and
Whereas: there is a signal at Broadway & W. 220th St., an intersection with few pedestrians, but no signal at Broadway/W. 219th St.; an intersection with many pedestrians, making left turns on to and off of Broadway at W. 219th St. needlessly difficult and dangerous; and

Whereas: parents and neighbors of the school presented to the Community Board 12, Manhattan Traffic & Transportation Committee a proposal to change two two-way streets to one-way streets (one in each direction)

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so that traffic may flow smoothly around the block and student, which proposal included strong letters of support from the principals of both schools, and compelling visual aids; and

Whereas: the proposal would include no change to or loss of street parking; now,

Therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12, Manhattan requests that the Department of Transportation evaluate the proposal to:

1. convert W. 219th Street between Broadway and Ninth Avenue from a two-way street to a one-way (westbound) street;
2. convert W. 220th Street between Broadway and Ninth Avenue from a two-way street to a one-way (eastbound) street;
3. add two speed humps (each) to W. 219th & W. 220th Streets (total of 4 humps); and
4. reconsider the placement of a light at W. 219th Street & Broadway to include a left turn lane for cuing and/or a left turn signal.

Sincerely,



George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate
Hon. Scott Stringer, Comptroller
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles B. Rangel, Congressman
Josh Orzeck - DOT Liaison

Hon. Adriano Espaillat, State Senator
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June 26, 2015

Honorable Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (34) In favor (1) Opposing (1) Abstain supporting the street co-naming of the Northwest corner of 155th Street and Amsterdam Avenue to Rev. Dr. Jasper Simmons.

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Jasper Simmons was ordained in May 1953 and began his ministry by founding File Chapel Baptist Church on 74 E 124th Street. As the church grew, it relocated to 1861 Park Avenue, then in 1974 to its current location at 505-507 W 155th Street.

Whereas, growth in spirit and number led to a new name, Greater File Chapel Baptist Church.

Whereas, Rev. Simmons was the longest serving pastor in the tri-state area and had a commitment to mission, both local and foreign.

Whereas, Rev. Simmons opened a Head Start Program and instituted Thanksgiving Day dinner and a weekly Soup kitchen.

Whereas, Rev. Simmons has served in numerous positions including member of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity for 55 years, President of the C.H.A.N.C.E. organization for 7 years, Community and Senior Chaplain for the NYS Department of Corrections Prison Ministry, and many more.

Whereas, Rev. Simmons nourished, comforted and guided many people for more than 50 years as testified by a petition signed by many church members until his death on February 24, 2015.

Therefore, be it resolved that Community Board 12 supports the co-naming of the Northwest corner of 155th Street and Amsterdam Avenue to Rev. Dr. Jasper Simmons Place.

Sincerely



George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

c: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate
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July 2, 2015

Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Dept. of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the Community Board 12 Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote of (34) In Favor (1) Opposed, (1) Not voting (1) Abstain approving the partial traffic lane closure of W. 187th St. between Wadsworth Avenue and Broadway from 6pm to 8am on weekdays.

Whereas, HAP Construction Company came before the Community Board 12, Manhattan Traffic and Transportation Committee to inform us of a partial closure of West 187 Street from Wadsworth Avenue to Broadway during the hours of 6pm to 8am weekdays, beginning in mid September and lasting between five to seven weeks, and,

Whereas, this partial closure is necessary to facilitate the construction of a modular residential building on the block and is also necessary for pedestrian and traffic safety, and,

Whereas, the trucks, which are 14 feet wide will be arriving at West 187th street at night, will be parked there throughout the night and will occupy 3 lanes, and,

Whereas, HAP Investment is willing to pay for parking garage spaces for residents who live within a 2 block radius and will be inconvenienced by the lack of parking, and

Whereas, the street will remain open to traffic all day on Saturday and Sunday, and

Whereas, the committee believes one traffic lane should remain open from 6pm to 8am weekdays, therefore,

Be it resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan approves the partial traffic lane closure of W. 187th St. between Wadsworth Avenue and Broadway from 6pm to 8am on weekdays.

Sincerely,


George Fernandez, Jr.
Chairman - CB12 M

c: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
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July 7, 2015

Mr. John McAvoy - Chairman, President & CEO
Consolidated Edison, Inc.
4 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003

Commissioner - Rick D. Chandler, P.E.
NYC Department of Buildings
280 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Ms. Ellen V. Futter - Chair
Environment, Health and Safety Committee
Consolidated Edison, Inc.
4 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003

Ms. Audrey Zibelman, Chair
NYS - Public Service Commission
Albany Executive Office
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Chairman McAvoy, Chair Futter, Commissioner Chandler and Chair Zibelman:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of (36) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain: 1. urging Con Edison, to report their findings to the NYC Department of Buildings and affected tenants within twenty four (24) hours upon their initial discovery; and 2. requesting that Con Edison also report and publish the history of gas pipeline inspections, gas leakage repairs, and illegal gas hookups on a daily basis with traceable work order numbers and their status.

Whereas, In response to recent gas line explosions, associated fires and loss of life and property in our city the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) has changed the definition of a gas service line from the outermost location of the building to where the meter is located and requires that utilities take on expanded responsibilities in performing leakage surveys and corrosion inspections up to that meter; and

Whereas, The NYS Department of Public Service (PSC) enacted this additional oversight into its rules and regulations Con Edison testified that it had in its service territory about "800,000 inside building meter sets, located in more readily accessible building areas (e.g., basements), and over 200,000 inside meter sets inside apartments" and such additional responsibilities would cost the utility \$55 million dollars annually; and

Whereas, Con Edison is now required to make reports to the PSC about the number, site location, monitoring, repair history of all gas leaks, gas odors, the results of leakage surveys and inspections of the city's gas pipelines for corrosion there is still a need to strengthen this oversight by early reporting and better transparency and alerts to building tenants and the public; and

Whereas, An increase in emergency calls of gas odors, 311 complaints and inspections have uncovered more illegal gas hookups, gas leaks from corrosive and aged pipeline infrastructure and in some cases excavations; and

Mr. John McAvoy - Chairman, President & CEO, Commissioner - Rick D. Chandler, P.E, Ms. Ellen V. Futter - Chair,
Ms. Audrey Zibelman, Chair
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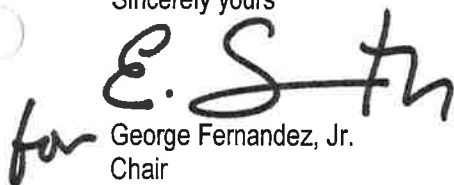
Whereas, There have been long delays between Con Edison reporting gas shut offs to city agencies, primarily to the Department of Buildings (DOB) and usually only when a property owner has hired a contractor and requests a permit; and

Whereas, This early delay has been a disadvantaged to building tenants seeking a quick resolution for gas restoration services as it adds to the time required for pipeline repair, integrity testing and final certifications from DOB and Con Edison; **now, therefore be it**

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan urges Con Edison, to report their findings to the NYC Department of Buildings and affected tenants within twenty four (24) hours upon their initial discovery and inspection of any confirmed gas leaks and their types, gas odors or illegal gas hookups with their exact locations down to the building, street address or the apartment/unit meter location and their work order numbers; **and be it further**

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan requests Con Edison to also report and publish the history of gas pipeline inspections, gas leakage repairs, and illegal gas hookups on a daily basis with traceable work order numbers and their status, expedite repairs and backlogs and requests that the Public Service Commission to promptly incorporate these requests into its rules and regulations.

Sincerely yours


for George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

cc: Mayor Bill de Blasio
NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat
NYS Senator Bill Perkins
Assembly Member Denny Farrell
Assembly Member Guillermo Linares
Council Member Mark Levine
Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez
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