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Richard R. Lewis, Chairperson
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December 11, 2019

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

Re: Adoption of Safe Routes to Schools Plan to PS 128 at 56 West 169th Street.

Dear Commissioner, Trottenberg:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, with a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed a resolution approving the plans for pedestrian safety improvements proposed by the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Design and Construction for the enhancement of intersections at Broadway and 168th Street and 169th Street to foster safe routes to school in the vicinity of the P.S. 128 building.

Whereas: The New York City Department of Transportation has a program known as Safe Routes to Schools which identifies dangerous intersections in the vicinity of school buildings, and,

Whereas: Two such intersections have been identified in the vicinity of the PS 128 building, those where the combination of Broadway and Saint Nicholas Avenue cross both West 168th and West 169th Streets, with long crosswalks without medians extending into them, and a lack of ADA accessible pedestrian ramps and,

Whereas: A total of 40 total injuries occurred in a recent four-year test period, including three severe ones at these intersections, and,

Whereas: The proposal includes shortening pedestrian crossings with concrete materials and plantings, increasing pedestrian visibility near the school, preventing illegal parking and dangerous driving maneuvers, things that only concrete and not painted markings can do, with the goal of producing slower controlled vehicular turning movements, and the addition of accessible pedestrian ramps, and,

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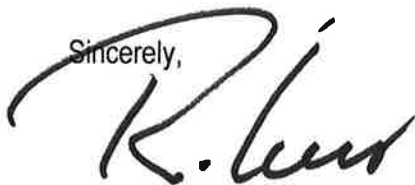
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Whereas: Staff from the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Design and Construction came before the Traffic and Transportation Committee to describe this project, and,

Whereas: Pedestrian safety, particularly the protection of our vulnerable children has always been a priority of our Community Board, therefore,

Be it resolved that Community Board 12, Manhattan, approves the plans for pedestrian safety improvements proposed by the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Design and Construction for the enhancement of intersections at Broadway and 168th Street and 169th Street to foster safe routes to school in the vicinity of the P.S. 128 building.

Sincerely,



Richard Lewis
Chairperson

cc: Hon. Edward F. Pincar Jr. Manhattan Borough
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