



# Community Board 12 - Manhattan Washington Heights & Inwood

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September 27, 2017

Hon. Kristina M. Johnson  
State University of New York  
State University Plaza  
353 Broadway  
Albany, New York, 12246

**RE: Resolution Urging the State University of New York to Extend the Review Period for the Application by Zeta Charter Schools**

Dear Ms. Johnson:

At the General Meeting, Tuesday, September, 26, 2017 Community Board 12 Manhattan, passed the following resolution with a vote of [39] in favor, [0] opposed, [0] abstention urging the State University of New York to extend the review period for the Zeta Charter Schools' application by two months and hold another public hearing with adequate notice to the Washington Heights/Inwood community to ensure that SUNY truly has the benefit of this community's input before taking any action on this application.

**WHEREAS:** Zeta Charter Schools has applied to the State University of New York (SUNY) for permission to open a school in Inwood to be co-located in an existing school yet to be determined; and

**WHEREAS:** A public hearing is required to be held as part of the review process for applications for new charter schools to receive input from local residents and other concerned parties on the impact the creation of a new school might have on the community; and

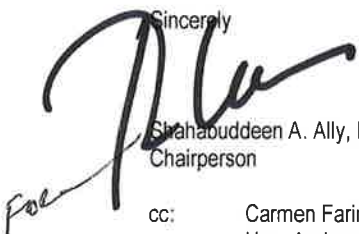
**WHEREAS:** The hearing for the Zeta Charter Schools' application was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at P.S. 5 without appropriate notice to the community, including inadequate notice to the District 6 Community Education Council, no notice to Community Board 12, Manhattan and no notification in Spanish; and

**WHEREAS:** The legal notice was published in The New York Times but not in the local bilingual newspaper, The Manhattan Times; and

**WHEREAS:** Only four people attended the hearing, no written materials were provided in Spanish, and Spanish translation was not provided; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** Community Board 12, Manhattan calls upon the State University of New York to extend the review period for the Zeta Charter Schools' application by two months and hold another public hearing with adequate notice to the Washington Heights/Inwood community to ensure that SUNY truly has the benefit of this community's input before taking any action on this application.

Sincerely,

  
Shahabuddeen A. Ally, Esq.  
Chairperson

cc: Carmen Farina, Chancellor NYC Dept. of Education  
Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor  
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
Hon. Letitia James, Public Advocate  
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Comptroller  
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