



**Community Board 12 - Manhattan
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Hon. Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

Please be advised that at the General Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 Community Board 12 Manhattan passed a resolution by a vote of (27) In Favor, (1) Opposed, (0) Abstain, approves the rescinding of its previous resolution and amends it to support the proposed right turn restriction at Edgecombe Avenue in the planned traffic improvements to the intersection of West 155th Street, St. Nicholas Place, Edgecombe Avenue and the entrance to the Harlem River Drive.

Whereas, In October 2014 Community Board 12M passed a resolution objecting to the proposed right turn restriction at Edgecombe Avenue in the traffic improvements proposed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the intersection of West 155th Street, St. Nicholas Place, Edgecombe Avenue and the entrance to the Harlem River Drive; and

Whereas, This intersection ranks in the top 1% for the most accidents in the entire borough of Manhattan; and

Whereas, At the committee meeting in October both community residents and the local police precinct expressed objections to this restriction because of both the inconvenience and the fact that only a small number of cars actually make that turn even during peak hours; and

Whereas, Subsequent to that meeting, it was brought to the attention of the board that banning this right turn is integral to the overall DOT safety improvements to the entire intersection, including shorter distance crossings, curb extensions and creating conflict-free crosswalks; and

Whereas, At peak hour the right turn volume southbound from Edgecombe Avenue is 10 vehicles per hour; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, Community Board 12, Manhattan rescinds its previous resolution and amends it to support the proposed right turn restriction at Edgecombe Avenue in the planned traffic improvements to the intersection of West 155th Street, St. Nicholas Place, Edgecombe Avenue and the entrance to the Harlem River Drive.

Sincerely,


for George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor
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