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March 31, 2026

Hon. Zohran Kwame Mamdani
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Hon. Dean Fuleihan
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Honorable Mayor Mamdani, Deputy Mayors Fuleihan and Bozorg, and Chair Marte:

At its March 19, 2026 Full Board meeting, Community Board 2 Manhattan adopted the following resolution.

34 1/2 East 12th Street - Board Position concerning Building Restoration

Whereas:

A. 34 1/2 East 12th Street is an Individual Landmark that has had a rich history of providing public benefit to our community. In 1998, the Landmarks Preservation Commission designated the c.1854 building as a Landmark, historically important as housing Grammar School 47 which was one of the first New York City schools built exclusively for the education of girls and one of the first offering girls high school level instruction, directed by the visionary educator Lydia Fowler Wadleigh; and

B. The building was designed in the Anglo-Italianate style by architect Thomas R. Jackson with a four-story symmetrically-organized façade with two pedimented pavilions flanking a recessed central section, rusticated brownstone base featuring prominent arched openings and a central entrance porch with paired Corinthian piers supporting an entablature; is set back from the lot line and has a façade which has been painted; and

C. From 1958, the building housed the Police Department's Juvenile Aid Bureau and the Police Athletic League and

D. The building now houses various Police Department units and is in derelict condition, the façade under scaffolding since at least 2008, creating a visual blight in the neighborhood with no apparent work to restore the building; and

E. The Department now has plans for extensive restoration and renovation and has requested \$14,275,000 for this purpose; and

F. the proposed schedule is for the renovation to begin in FY 2030 with a projected two-year construction period; and

G. There is great concern that the apparent lack of attention to the building may well be worsening its deteriorating condition, calling for a survey and necessary stabilization to be undertaken immediately; now

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends:

A. That there be an immediate survey of the condition of the building and that any work necessary prevent further deterioration of the building be undertaken right away; and that funding for the restoration of the building be upgraded from “critical” to “emergency” status; and

B. That assurance is provided that the full restoration will proceed with an expedited schedule; and

C. That Council member Epstein urge the city to carry out the necessary repairs and enlist other Council Members to assist it this cause; and

D. That the Police Department and other appropriate city agencies make responsible officials available for a public meeting with the CB2 Landmarks Committee for a full discussion of the building.

Vote: Passed, with 32 in favor, 1 opposed (S. Ryan), and no abstentions or recusals.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie De La Rosa
Chair, Community Board 2 Manhattan



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