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Hon. Bill Perkins

New York City Council

Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building,

163 West 125th Street, Room 729,

New York, NY 10027

Dear Councilman Perkins:

Community Board 11 supports the co-naming of 126th Street between Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue as “Art Kane: Harlem 1958 Place” to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of when 57 jazz musicians were brought together by Art Kane for what came to be known as the iconic “Great Day in Harlem” photograph.

The proposed street co-naming includes a petition of support signed by over one hundred community residents and letters of support from various community organizations and merchants. The list of organizations and merchants offering their support are as follows: Dare2Draw; Wild Olive Market; Art Kane Archive; Finite Homes LLC.; Uptown Grand Central; Serengeti Teas & Spices; Community Association of the East Harlem Triangle; Drakeford Realty Group; Labor of Love Association, Inc.; and the United New Church of Christ. We have enclosed copies of the petition, letters of support and biography for your consideration.

**Harlem 1958** is a black-and-white photograph of 57 jazz musicians who gathered on August 12, 1958 at 17 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenue in Harlem. The **Harlem 1958** photo was taken by freelance photographer Art Kane for Esquire magazine who published the photo in its January 1959 issue. The image has come to be called *A Great Day in Harlem*, which is actually the name of the 1994 Oscar nominated documentary of the iconic photo.

We request that you support and carry the “Art Kane: Harlem 1958 Place” street co-naming through the New York City Council’s street renaming process. Please feel free to contact Thomas Herrera, Assistant District Manager, at 212-831-8929 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nilsa Orama". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nilsa Orama  
Chair  
Community Board 11

Enclosures (3)

cc: Hon. Inez Dickens, New York State Assembly (via email)  
Hon. Brian Benjamin, New York State Senate (via email)  
Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)  
Jose Altamirano, Community Board 11(via email)  
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