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Hon. Diana Ayala
New York City Council
105 East 115th Street
New York, NY 10020

Re: “Cicely Tyson Way” Street Co-naming of the southeast corner of East 101st Street from Lexington Avenue to Third Avenue

Dear Councilwoman Ayala:

Community Board 11 supports the co-naming of the southeast corner of East 101st Street from Lexington Avenue to Third Avenue in honor of Cicely Tyson.

Cicely Tyson was an American actress and model with strong roots in and deep pride for El Barrio and Harlem as a whole. Ms. Tyson moved to East 101st Street at a young age; the building she grew up in is owned by Ascendant Neighborhood Development and dedicated in her name. Her influence went beyond the arts; in 2016, Ms. Tyson was a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. The co-naming will honor the late actress for the groundbreaking role she played in shaping arts and culture in Harlem and highlight her historic childhood residence at 178 East 101st Street.

The enclosed street co-naming request includes a biography, letters of support, and a petition of support signed by over 70 community residents. The Cicely Tyson Street Naming and Landmarking Committee (CTSMMC) also submitted a Change.org online petition that garnered 871 signatures of support at the time of submission.

We request that you support and carry the “Cicely Tyson Way” street renaming through the New York City Council’s street co-naming process. Please feel free to contact Carly Wine, Assistant District Manager, at 212-831-8929 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama

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Hon. Brian Benjamin, New York State Senate (via email)
Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)
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