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Hon. Diana Ayala  
New York City Council  
105 East 116th Street  
New York, NY 10029

Dear Councilwoman Ayala:

Community Board 11 supports the co-naming of the northwest corner of East 115<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue in honor of Peter "Pete" Velez.

Also enclosed is a brief biography which details Peter Velez's many accomplishments and successes. Peter Velez worked tirelessly to empower the youth of East Harlem through his love for stickball for over 30 years from the mid 1960's to the mid 1980's. He touched the lives of thousands of youth and gave them a place to belong when there was no place for them to turn to in their community. Mr. Velez lives on through the amazing stories and legacy that he left behind.

The proposed street co-naming includes a petition of support signed by over one hundred, community residents and letters of support from the following community organizations and business owners: SCAN New York; Hope Community; World Series of Stickball; Taino Towers Community Gallery, Inc.; East Harlem Council for Community Improvement and Efrain Suarez. The co-renaming was also supported by NYS Assemblyman Robert Rodriguez. We have enclosed copies of the petitions, letters of support and biography for your consideration.

We request that you support and carry the "Pedro "Pete" Velez Circle" street renaming through the New York City Council's street co-naming process. Please feel free to contact Thomas Herrera, Assistant District Manager, at 212-831-8929 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama  
Chair

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Enclosures (3)

cc: Hon. Robert Rodriguez, New York State Assembly (via email)  
Hon. Jose M. Serrano, New York State Senate (via email)  
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