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RESOLUTION #48
Upper East Side Rezoning

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DOE) has committed to opening a new zoned elementary school at Our Lady of Good Counsel in September 2012;

WHEREAS, the Community Education Council District 2 (CECD2) believes that the projections by the School Construction Authority and the DOE are based on inappropriate assumptions and are not at the scale adequate for school rezoning, making it difficult to render decisions;

WHEREAS, the CECD2, with the DOE, held numerous zoning committee meetings to solicit feedback, reached out to preschools in District 2 using the best available list and created opportunities for families to provide input via email and a social networking web site;

WHEREAS, PS290 has expressed its concern over the size of the zone and the associated potential loss of resources to the school community;

WHEREAS, PS77 has expressed its desire to expand the school to accommodate more students who are eligible for the District-wide Gifted & Talented program;

WHEREAS, PS198, which has recently added a G&T program, has expressed concern over the capacity of the building;

WHEREAS, the CECD2 recognizes the uncertainty in future enrollment under the zoning proposal and the effects of enrollment on school based budgets but believes that budgetary concerns should not drive zoning decisions;

WHEREAS, the CECD2 is committed to creating a zone for the school at Our Lady of Good Counsel because starting a school with its own zone is critical in building a community before the school opens in September;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Community Education Council District 2 approves the Upper East Side zoning proposal dated November 8th, 2011;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CECD2 urges the DOE and the SCA to work with the CECD2 to improve the enrollment projections in order to provide an accurate assessment of capacity needs; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, since the zoning lines are to be approved without the benefit of more accurate data and population projections, the CECD2 requests the DOE monitor application and enrollment trends at all UES schools and engage the CECD2 to determine if the student population has been properly and equitably distributed and to develop a plan if proper and equitable population distribution has not been achieved;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CECD2 urges the DOE to seek an independent space for PS 77 so that both PS 77 and PS 198 may expand their programs and provide additional capacity to relieve the growing school-aged population on the UES and accommodate district wide demand for G&T in the future.

Adopted and approved by CECD2 on December 14, 2011.