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Rev. Patricia A. Singletary
Elmendorf Reformed Church
171 E. 121st Street
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Dear Rev. Singletary:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support on behalf of Community Board 11 to recognize the African Burial Ground Taskforce as the organization representing the interest of the historic colonial cemetery known as the Harlem African Burial Ground.

Community Board 11 supports the ongoing work of the task force as it seeks to document the early history of Harlem and honor the contributions of New York's "colony builders" through identification, collection and assembly of artifacts and other materials. This will help to educate the public and commemorate the significance of this historic cultural site and support the vision to develop a permanent memorial park for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your efforts and please let us know how we can continue to be supportive of the important work you have been doing to recognize Harlem's past.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Washington
Chair

cc: Tom Lunke, Harlem Community Development Corp.
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