



East Harlem Preservation

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Lino Rios, Chair
Manhattan Community Board 11
55 East 115th Street
New York, NY 10029 -1101

Dear Chairman Rios:

I fully endorse El Museo del Barrio's proposal to rename East 106th Street in honor of the late Puerto Rican poet, Julia de Burgos.

Julia de Burgos was an exceptionally gifted Boricua writer, whose body of work has been cherished, adapted and translated for thousands of appreciative audiences throughout the years.

In addition to her brilliant writing, Julia de Burgos' political endeavors have served as personal inspiration, and I have also appreciated her many accomplishments on the mainland, and here in East Harlem, concerning the struggle for Puerto Rican independence.

Because she contributed so much to the current cultural richness of El Barrio, where she lived until her untimely death at the age of 39, I support the proposal to have East 106th Street designated "Julia de Burgos Boulevard."

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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