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May 18, 2011

Chairman Joe Conley
Community Board 2
43-22 50th Street
Woodside, NY 11377

Dear Chairman Conley and Members of Community Board 2,

I write in support of commemorating the historic achievements of the Irish-American Athletic Club (IAAC) by establishing 43rd Street between 48th and 50th Avenues as "Winged Fist Way." As the site of the former Celtic Park, where so many Olympic champions trained, it is appropriate that the street co-naming proposal be approved.

Though the IAAC was comprised mainly of Irish athletes it had a proud history of inclusion and diversity with members of all different religions and ethnicities training together at Celtic Park. It is important that we take action to recognize the legacy of the IAAC and the successes of its athletes.

The support this proposal has received from local elected officials and civic groups further exemplifies its merits. I ask you to please consider the co-naming of 43rd Street to "Winged Fist Way" as recognition of the historic accomplishments of members of the IAAC in our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gianaris".

Michael Gianaris
State Senator

CC: Councilman Van Bramer