

June 2, 2015

Mr. Carmen Bianco  
President  
New York City Transit  
2 Broadway  
New York, New York 10004

Mr. Frank Jezycki  
Chief Officer  
Staten Island Railway  
60 Bay Street  
Staten Island, New York 10301

Re: Clifton Station/Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

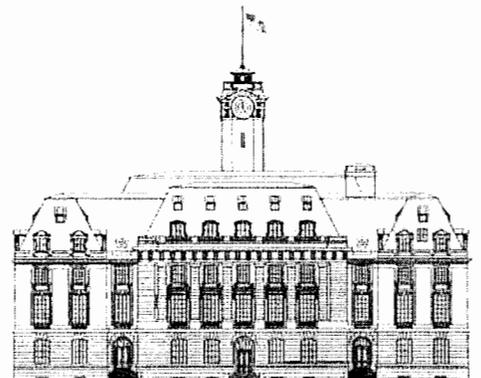
Dear President Bianco and Chief Jezycki:

I hope this letter finds you both well.

I have enclosed a letter I received from a group of Italian researchers who work in various distinguished academic and cultural institutions in our city, including Fordham University, Fordham Law School, The Frick Collection, Mount Sinai Hospital, Lenox Hill Hospital and NYU/Polytechnic Institute.

They had journeyed to Staten Island to explore the iconic Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, and as you will read they had a wonderful time. However, they were quite surprised that there was no commemorative plaque or sign at the Clifton Station of the Staten Island Railway to inform visitors that they had reached the disembarkation point for the museum.

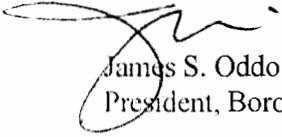
The re-vitalization of Staten Island's North Shore will create a huge influx of tourists to our borough – our challenge is to entice these visitors “upland,” to other areas of Staten Island. To foster this, it behooves us to make our inland attractions better known to visitors, and to facilitate in every way possible their transportation to and from these attractions.



I respectfully request that you consider placing a plaque or sign informing people that they have reached the station nearest to the museum, in which direction to proceed to visit the museum, and perhaps a brief overview of who these men were and what they accomplished.

Richmond County has the largest percentage population of Italian-Americans in the United States, and we are justly proud of these Italian luminaries. Please help us spread the word about a unique cultural attraction: the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James S. Oddo', with a large, stylized flourish that loops back under the name.

James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island