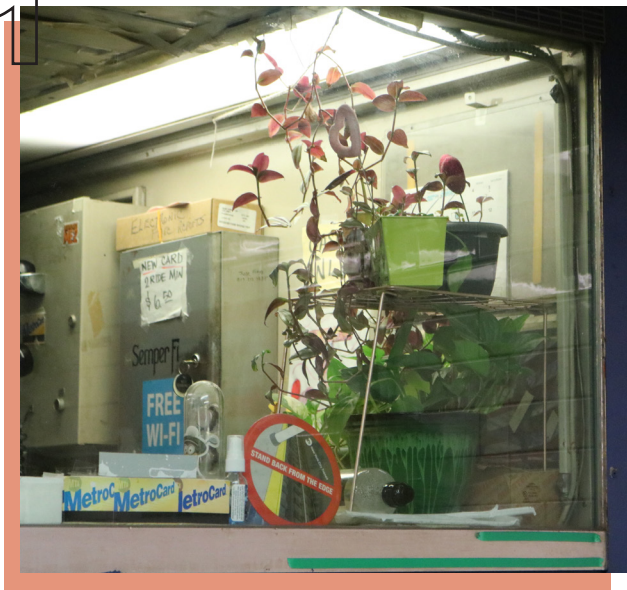


# EAST HARLEM

116<sup>TH</sup> STREET



# 1



4 5 6 Lines  
Uptown from  
Union Square



116<sup>th</sup> STREET

The streets of East Harlem are paved with culture. The comfort of counter culture begins in these corners. Where you can live for less, and experience the real New York. One of the few places in Manhattan where gentrification has yet to reach. Though perhaps not for long. 116<sup>th</sup> Street happens to be a place you can find this feeling of authenticity. If you begin at 14<sup>th</sup> street you can catch a train to 116<sup>th</sup> though the ride may be a bit long, the destination is worth it.

116<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lexington  
Avenue



Once you're above ground again, head east on 116<sup>th</sup> street. The walk is a short one. You will notice many local shops and restaurants. Browse through and take in what they all have to offer. East Harlem is home to many hispanic bodegas and panderias, or mexican bakeries. In



these bakeries you can taste Mexico and smell New York. These are the kind of small businesses that are driven out recently not being able to compete with the rising rent.

In this section of 116<sup>th</sup> street, the boulevard takes the name of Puerto Rican poet, journalist, and governor Luis Munoz Marin. In honor of his accomplishments as the governor of Puerto Rico from 1949 to 1965. A successful man of color, someone who the residents of East Harlem can relate to. A lot of the people that are impacted or displaced by gentrification are usually minorities, who historically have been excluded from more suburban areas. East Harlem has a history that runs far and deep along the generations of minorities who have treaded its streets.

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Luis Munoz Marin Boulevard E 116<sup>th</sup>

# 4



## Construction on 116<sup>th</sup>

The common road work done in New York doesn't stop before East Harlem. Around this time you will see construction work on the street. Carefully, they direct traffic and pedestrians around the site to avoid accidents. But take a left here and you will soon be able to see a panderia.



People are what make places. East Harlem is made by people who would otherwise be displaced by gentrification. By companies and people seeking profit. The people of East Harlem give what no company could. The warmth of culture and community. Instead of raising rent and property value, we should be raising the people so that they can prosper.

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