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COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: RAFAEL SALAMANCA, JR.  
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Darlene Mealy  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Andrew Cohen  
Mark Treyger

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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[sound check, pause] [gavel]

CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Alright, good morning, everyone. I am Rafael Salamanca, Jr. Chair of the Subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions and Concessions. Welcome to today's hearing. Today we're joined by Council Member Andy Cohen, Council Member Darlene Mealy, Council Member Mark Treyger, and we have Chair Greenfield here with us. Today we'll be voting on Edwins Place Application, LU 792 through 795. These are applications by HPD for a zoning map change from R6 to R7-2/C2-3, a zoning text amendment to establish a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing are, a zoning special permit to allow community facility floor area to apply to non-profit supportive housing and our Urban Development Action Area Project, UDAAP, designation project approval. And disposition approved for city-owned property of 3 Livonia Avenue in Brooklyn. These actions would facilitate the development of a new 8-story building with 125 supportive and affordable housing units, and ground floor retail or community facility space. This project is in Council Member Mealy's district, and with that, we're going to hand it over to Council Member Mealy.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Well, I just want  
3 to say thank you, Chair. Thank you my co-leader of  
4 the Brooklyn Delegation for his hard work in  
5 advocating for this. I want to thank the Mayor for  
6 the three centers and I could say thank you Breaking  
7 Grounds for the community input that you will be  
8 giving, and I just want to thank my colleagues. I  
9 want to thank David Greenfield for coaching (sic)  
10 this through, and making sure that the community is  
11 whole. I wish it was much more affordability for  
12 people who have jobs, but instead of giving nothing,  
13 I'd rather give a whole lot back to my community, and  
14 I want to Mayor—I want to thank Ms. Umay (sp?), Umay.  
15 She helped from the Mayor's Office to make sure that  
16 this was a positive experience for myself and others.  
17 So, with that, I will be voting yes, and Chair, don't  
18 smile so much. Take it easy. [laughter]

19 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Alright, I'll--

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [interposing]  
21 Alright, thank you. [applause]

22 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Are there any  
23 questions from members of the Subcommittee? No. I  
24 want to recognize we've been joined by Council Member  
25 Annabel Palma, and with that, I will now call the

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2 vote for LUs 792 through 795, the Edwins Place  
3 Application. Counsel, please call the roll.

4 LEGAL COUNSEL: Alright, great.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes, Chair, may I  
6 say something else?

7 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Um, yes, go  
8 ahead.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I just want to  
10 thank my colleague Annabel Palma, a woman power,  
11 talking me through. Yeah, we got—let me give you a  
12 hand for that, [applause] and I was thankful for her  
13 keeping up with what was going on, and she lives in  
14 the Bronx. So, thank you so much, and sharing your  
15 experience. Thank you. [background comment]

16 LEGAL COUNSEL: Vote to approve LU 792,  
17 793, 794 and 795. Chair Salamanca.

18 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

19 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Mealy.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

21 Thanks.

22 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Rodriguez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

24 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Cohen.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I vote aye.

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2 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Treyger.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to  
4 briefly explain my vote. [pause] Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: I'm sorry. Yes,  
6 go ahead Council Member.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you.

8 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I—I just—I just want to say

9 public for on the record that I could not be more

10 proud of my colleague Council Member Darlene Mealy

11 because she had the Brooklyn Delegation. This entire

12 process she's had the interest of her district in her

13 heart, and in the bottom of the ninth inning I think

14 she scored a major home run for her district, and

15 additional community benefits in addition to serving

16 her residents who—who need this, and so I'm so proud

17 to call you a friend and colleague and

18 congratulations on the major victory, and with that,

19 I proudly vote ayes

20 LEGAL COUNSEL: The Land Use items are

21 approved by a vote of 0 in the affirmative, 0

22 negatives, 5 in the—5 affirmative, 5 yes, 0 negatives

23 and 0 abstentions and referred to the full Land Use

24 Committee.

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CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you. I

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would like to thank the counsel and the Land Use

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staff for preparing to this hearing and the members

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of the public and my colleagues for attending. This

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meeting is hereby adjourned. [gave]

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