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Land Use Nos. 572, 573, 574, 575

515 Blake Avenue Extremely Low and Low Affordable Program (ELLA) Supportive Housing Loan Program (SHLP) November 4, 2019

{**Barron**} <u>L. U. Nos. 572 - 575</u> are related ULURP actions seeking UDAAP designation, disposition approval for one vacant City-owned lot, project approval, and zoning changes for a project known as **515 Blake Avenue** (Block 3766, Lot 1) in Brooklyn Council District 42.

L. U. No. 572 (C190409 HAK) is related to the proposed UDAAP project. The development team for 515 Blake Avenue, HELP USA, will undertake the development of the project under two HPD programs. A portion of the Disposition Area will be conveyed under HPD's Extremely Low- and Low-Income Affordability Program (ELLA), which funds the new construction of affordable, multi-family rental projects. The remaining portion will be conveyed under HPD's Supportive Housing Loan Program (SHLP), which provides for supportive housing for the homeless and people with special needs, as well as affordable housing available through the HPD Housing Connect lottery.

The sponsor proposes to demolish an existing 192-unit transitional housing facility and then construct four buildings in three phases, as follows:

• **Phase 1** will include the construction of a new, 195-unit transitional housing facility for families, with approximately 17,621 square feet of

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community facility space and approximately 20,345 square feet of commercial space.

- Phase 2 will include the construction of a 70-unit building (plus one superintendent unit) to be conveyed under SHLP. 60% of the units in this building will be set-aside for the formerly homeless. As part of SHLP, HPD works with the Department of Homeless Services and other public agencies to match clients coming out of the shelter system based on need, and to ensure that the completed projects meet programmatic guidelines. The remaining 40% of units will be available through HPD's Housing Connect lottery and will be available to those making up to 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). HELP USA will provide on-site supportive services for all building residents, including counseling, crisis prevention, and health and mental health services focused on recovery.
- Phase 3 will include the construction of two buildings with a total of approximately 254 units plus one superintendent unit, with approximately 2,106 square feet of commercial space, to be conveyed under HPD's ELLA program. Half of the units in these buildings will be

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available to those making 50% of AMI or less, including 30% of units set-aside for the formerly homeless and 20% available through HPD Housing Connect. The remaining half will be available through Housing Connect to those making from 57-100% of AMI.

In total, it is anticipated that the entire project will include 324 affordable rental dwelling units, plus two units for superintendents. Housing types will include studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom apartments.

Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) Option 1 will be mapped, which requires 25% of residential floor area to be permanently affordable. Where MIH is layered with HPD subsidy, an additional 15% of the residential floor area, 40% of the total, will be permanently affordable.

The updated transitional housing facility will include a 12,000-square-foot day care center, designed to serve children ages 3 months to 4 years, and capable of serving up to 120 children from both the facility and the surrounding community, as well as a computer training room that can be used for classes. Uses for the commercial spaces are yet to be determined. The complex will also feature a landscaped

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courtyard with play equipment, bike storage, laundry rooms, and a community room. All buildings will include elevators and will have 24-hour security.

L. U. No. 573 (C190410 ZMK) is related to an amendment to the zoning map. The Site is currently zoned R6, with commercial overlays. A zoning change is proposed to map an R7D zoning district along Blake and Sutter Avenues and an R6A zoning district in the midblock, which will require mapping the site with a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) Area.

L. U. No. 574 (N190411ZRK) seeks an amendment of the Zoning Resolution for the purpose of establishing a MIH area. The sponsor intends to map MIH Option #1 on the site, which requires 25% of floor area to be permanently affordable up to 60% AMI, including at least 10% of square footage at 40% AMI.

L.U. No. 575 (C1900421 ZSK) is related to the grant of a special permit to allow the distribution of total allowable floor area without regard for zoning district lines in connection with a proposed mixed-use development, within a large-scale general development bounded by the development area.

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In order to facilitate development of 515 Blake Avenue, HPD is before the

Subcommittee seeking approval of Land Use Nos. 572-575.

Gateway Housing

Henry Love Gateway Housing New York City Council HELP One ULURP Presentation November 4th, 2019

Good afternoon, my name is Henry Love. I am the program coordinator for the Attendance Matters program at Gateway Housing, a shelter-intervention program laser-focused on school attendance and attuned to addressing current barriers families face in getting their students to schools, as well as a PhD candidate in Developmental Psychology at The Graduate Center, CUNY. Because Attendance Matters is tailored to the circumstances of the New York City shelter program, AM presents the possibility of significantly altering the trajectories of the city's most vulnerable children. Currently Gateway is piloting the AM program in 6 different family shelters across the city, two of which are operated by Help USA in the Bronx. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of the redevelopment and ULURP application of the HELP One shelter site at 515 Blake Avenue in Brooklyn.

Over the past year of the pilot I have had the opportunity to work closely with leadership at several Help Family shelters in The Bronx as well as at Help 1. The AM pilot aims to shift the paradigm of shelter care and support away from purely focusing on the head of household, and to the entire family, but specifically school aged children. The Attendance Matters teams at the HELP Crotona 1 and 2 family shelters have been enthusiastic participants in the Gateway Housing program. Over the past year and a half of the pilot I have been incredibly impressed by the supportive and family focused approach

from each of the HELP shelters I have worked in and visited, but also from leadership at the most senior levels. The social service teams that I have worked with extensively have gone above and beyond in aiding in clinical support, but also in logistical and social support of all of the clients in their respective sites. At the beginning of this school year for example, HELP social workers went out of their way to personally escort to school the children of the most challenged families. They made sure that the children were not only properly registered, but also had the proper services they needed from the school. The social services teams at Crotona 1 and 2 know every resident in their respected sites on a first name basis, including the children. I have visited a plethora of shelters, and each time I have walked into a HELP site I have immediately encountered a warm, welcoming and humanizing environment. This is an incredibly important point, as often the events that have led a family into a shelter stay can be extremely traumatizing, and often dehumanizing. To date, this has been one of the most important things I think about as I visit various shelter sites, ""How is the environment supportive and humanizing for families in crisis?" I have seen first hand the phenomenal work that Help staff have done in regards to improving school attendance for the

city's most marginalized children. Across the city, most shelters have around 30% of students with normal attendance. Currently the normal attendance at our HELP Bronx sites is between 65-70%, almost the same rate as permanently housed students in NYC. I hope the New York City Council will vote to support this innovative effort to help low income families as well as those in temporary housing in Brooklyn.

Gateway Housing

Ted Houghton Gateway Housing New York City Council HELP One ULURP Presentation November 4th, 2019

Good afternoon, my name is Ted Houghton. I'm President of Gateway Housing, a nonprofit technical assistance organization that assists government and nonprofit service providers to develop high-quality, purpose-built transitional residences that combine homeless shelters and permanent housing with outward-facing community amenities, like early childhood education centers and health clinics. We also help shelter providers implement and test innovative service interventions using evidence-based practices. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of the redevelopment and ULURP application of one such forward-thinking project, the HELP One shelter site at 515 Blake Avenue in Brooklyn.

In the late 1980s, the HELP One shelter was one of the first Tier II family transitional residences, a new generation of innovative shelters that offer apartment-style living and on-site social services delivered by mission-driven nonprofit providers. HELP One and other nonprofit Tier IIs like it were vastly superior to welfare hotels and other shelter options available at the time to families who became homeless.

That was thirty years ago. It is time to rehabilitate and reinvest in the HELP One residence. Like all housing stock, thirty years of hard use has taken a toll on HELP One's building systems and on the physical condition of its apartments. In the not so distant past, DHS and the provider might have patched up some leaks and slapped on a new coat of paint. But that's no longer enough – our homeless families deserve better. The shelter must be rehabilitated. To its credit, HELP USA has decided to take this opportunity not only to improve the residence's buildings, but to design and create a new residence that is

once again a state-of-the-art, innovative program demonstrating the most effective way to respond to homelessness.

You've already heard today about many of these innovations: the residence will be broken into two separate, smaller shelter programs; it will be outward facing, not surrounded by a fence; it will have ground-floor retail space and programs that serve residents of the surrounding neighborhood; most importantly, it will add hundreds of units of deeply affordable permanent housing to the East New York community.

I commend the leaders of HELP USA for their vision for this site. Instead of just trying to patch it up and keep it operating as is for a few more years, they and the City of New York will invest in it, to create a new flagship transitional and permanent housing residence. They engaged with, listened to and continue to work with local residents and elected officials who helped them make the design even better and more responsive to the needs of the surrounding community. The result of this collaborative effort shows us what a 21st shelter can be. I hope the New York City Council will vote to support this worthy, innovative effort to help the homeless and low income families of Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, Community Board 5 - ULURP Item: 515 Blake Avenue

Good Afternoon Speaker Johnson and Council Members Salamanca & Moya,

I thank you for taking the opportunity to read this email. It is being submitted to your attention in regards to the application for the following ULURP item in Brooklyn, Community Board 5:

515 Blake Avenue - 190409 HAK, 190410 ZMK, 190411 ZRK, 190421 ZSK

This application was submitted by HPD for HELP USA to facilitate the construction of four new buildings in Brooklyn, Community Board 5; which proposes to include 195 shelter units and 324 units of affordable housing. Additionally the project is proposed to include commercial space and a community facility. CB5 was unable to submit its vote prior to the BPs recommendation due to the lack of quorum at General Board, however, we wanted to ensure that our vote was on record and shared with all ULURP involved representatives.

HELP USA presented 515 Blake Avenue to Brooklyn, Community Board 5 at various meetings, and it eventually went through the final review under CB5's Land Use & Housing Committee. The LU&Housing Committee voted the project down. The Committee presented its findings with comments to the full Board on Wednesday, November 14th, 2019, and made a recommendation to the Board to support its vote. The Board voted in favor of the recommendation and voted against the 515 Blake Avenue project for the following reasons:

1. Brooklyn, Community Board 5 is against the inclusion of shelter units in the

project. Permanent and truly affordable housing is what will foster the continued growth and success of this community. HELP now has the opportunity to commit and invest in the transformation of this area of the district by investing in permanent housing. The idea of completely demolishing a shelter and implementing permanent housing in its place, gives the community hope for the future. We understand the need for temporary housing and services to families and individuals who are in need of those resources, however our district has served its time in providing temporary housing services. We have even fought to ensure that we are not over saturated with shelters and other forms of temporary housing. Permanent housing is the answer to the crisis of homelessness for families, seniors, young adults, and single adults.

2. Brooklyn, Community Board 5 is requesting 100% affordability in the project. The formulas HELP presented do not allow for returning citizens (college graduates, formerly incarcerated, young adults) to take full advantage of the amount of units available. Additionally, senior populations in the district are increasingly being forced to leave their homes and apartments due to the increase of rents and monthly expenses. Local shelters have reported to our Board that there is an increase in their senior residents as a direct result of their fixed monthly incomes and the lack of affordable housing in the district. Therefore the project has to include deeper affordability for all of the units to allow for seniors to take advantage of the housing as well.

It was clearly recognized and outlined in the East New York Neighborhood Plan that the community was demanding a real solution to high rents, overcrowding, and homelessness by increasing affordable housing opportunities for existing residents in East New York. The neighborhood median incomes of our community require a formula that increases opportunities for existing residents and prevents displacement. This project has the potential to offer 519 units of truly affordable housing on a site that once only provided shelter units.

We are imploring the NYC Council and it's Land Use Committee to support the decision of Brooklyn, Community Board 5, and our Council Member, Inez Barron, in rejecting this project in its current form. We want the promise to be kept that our community will have more permanent housing opportunities and deeper affordability, with the inclusion of the the 50% preferences for existing residents of CB5 for all new units.

If you require any further information or would like to request a meeting with our Chair Person, Andre T. Mitchell, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Once again, thank you for your time in reading this and we look forward to your support.

Regards,

Melinda Perkins District Manager

Brooklyn, Community Board 5 127 Pennsylvania Avenue, 2nd Floor Brooklyn, New York 11207 Email: <u>Mperkins@cb.nyc.gov</u> Web: <u>www.brooklyncb5.org</u>

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515 Blake Avenue City Council Zoning Subcommittee Hearing



CURTIS + GINSBERG ARCHITECTS LLP

Introductions & Proposed Land Use Actions

Certified: May 20, 2019

Applicant: NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Sponsor: HELP USA

Land Use Actions:

- Designation of an Urban Development Action Area ("UDAA"), Urban Development Action Area Project ("UDAAP") approval, and the disposition of City-owned property
- Zoning map amendment to rezone the development site from C4-3, R6, R6/C2-3 to R7D/C2-4, R6A, R7D/C1-4
- Zoning text amendment to designate the development site as a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Area
- Large Scale General Development Special Permit pursuant to ZR section 74-743

Location & Context



View looking southwest

Project Overview

- Redevelopment of existing HELP I shelter site
- Four elevator buildings ranging from 6-10 stories
- Approx. 326 affordable and supportive units
- 195 family shelter units; trauma-informed design
- Supportive services space, retail & community space, bike storage, laundry rooms, community room, landscaped courtyard



HELP USA

Local Organization, Committed to New York Families

First project was HELP I in East New York (1987)

Significant Capital Investment in East New York

 Built and renovated 491 apartments in the neighborhood, and, to date, has invested \$147M into East New York

Building Affordable Housing

82% of our units in East New York are at or below 50%
 AMI – 20% are at or below 30% AMI

Bringing Jobs to East New York

- Employ 201 employees in the neighborhood 50% of them live in East Brooklyn
- Annual East Brooklyn payroll of \$10M

HELP Serves the Community Today

- Child and youth services
- Domestic violence/family support services
- Veteran services
- Medical and dental services



Existing Shelter Building

Existing Building

- Transitional housing for homeless families constructed in 1987 with a design lifespan of 15 years
- 192 flexible residential units
- Day Care / Early Childhood Education Facility
- HELP Staff Offices
- Reception Desk / Intake Area
- Courtyard with Play Equipment
- Other on-site services

Limitations

- Lack of easily identified entrance
- Building turns back to the street
- Outdated shelter design
- Aging buildings not all units ADA accessible



Main entrance on Blake Avenue



View of shelter from Hinsdale Street

01 Proposed Program *Family Shelter*

A New Model of Shelter designed around children to reduce trauma, improve health, and help people find housing

A Human Scale

One shelter – two entrances – four pods

A Sense of Place

 Double-height lobbies – easy wayfinding – visual connections to play spaces

A Community of Service

 Service providers on residential floors – interdisciplinary teams – early childhood programming

Sustainable and Healthy

\$1M NYSERDA Building of Excellence Award
 private garden – ERV for clean interior air –
 VRF for efficient HVAC – Solar array





After school programs, daycare, and computer training open to the broader community.

01 Proposed Program

ELLA Buildings:

- Two buildings, 254 total units, plus one superintendent unit
 - 50% of units at or below 50% AMI
 - Includes 30% formerly homeless set aside, referrals through DHS
 - 50% of units from 50% to 100% AMI

Supportive Building:

- 70 units, plus one superintendent unit
 - 60% supportive housing units
 - 40% affordable housing units marketed through Housing Connect
 - Housing Connect units serve households making up to 60% AMI





01 Proposed Program Supportive Services

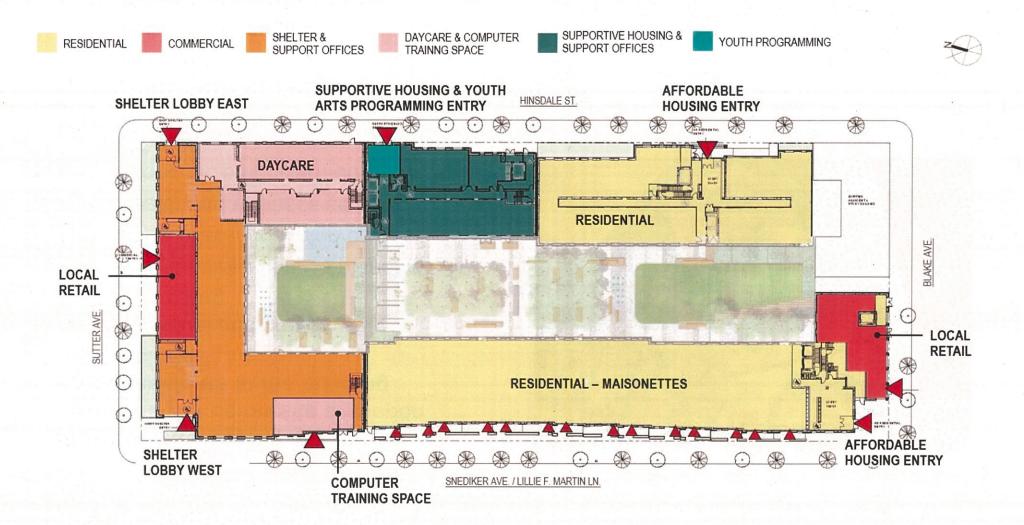
Permanent Housing Supportive Services will be on-site and open to all residents in the building, and include:

- Individual and group counseling
- Individualized service planning
- Crisis prevention/intervention
- Health and wellness services
- Economic empowerment services
- Recovery-oriented substance abuse and mental health services
- Daily life skills training
- After-school arts program
- Recreational/social activities
- 24-hour security

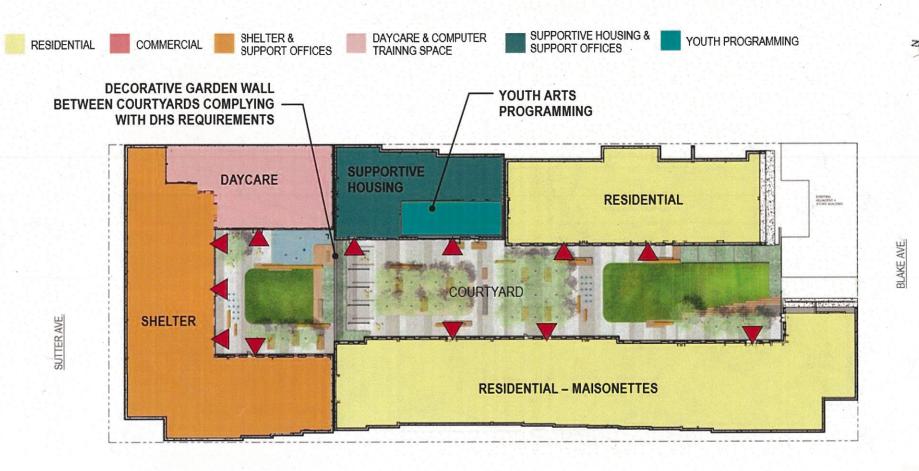


Programming open to the broader community includes after school programs, daycare, and computer training.





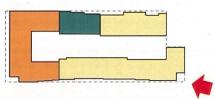




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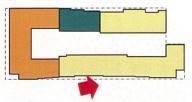
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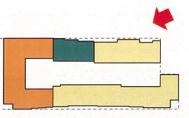






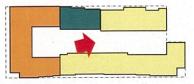






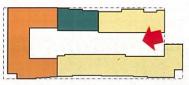
















All buildings will be built to Enterprise Green Standards. Features will include:

- Energy efficient heating and cooling systems
- Energy efficient LED lights
- Water conserving features
- Highly insulated envelope
- Air sealing of the building to minimize heat loss
- Low VOC paints, sealants, and adhesives
- High-reflectance or cool roofing systems
- Native plantings and landscaping

The ELLA buildings are expected to be built to Passive House standards

The ELLA and Supportive buildings are expected to be built to NYSERDA Tier II standards

04 Project Summary Community Outreach

Community Board Outreach

April 22, 2018 – Initial presentation November 20, 2018 – Second presentation June 18, 2019 – ULURP presentation No recommendation submitted

Borough President Outreach

May 3, 2018 – Initial presentation July 2, 2019 – ULURP Public Hearing September 10, 2019 – Approval with modifications

City Planning Commission

September 11, 2019 – ULURP Public Hearing October 16, 2019 – Approval with no modifications

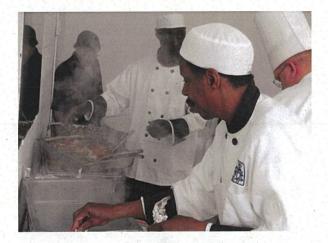
Council Member Meetings

December 12, 2016 May 15, 2018 February 1, 2019 May 17, 2019 July 29, 2019



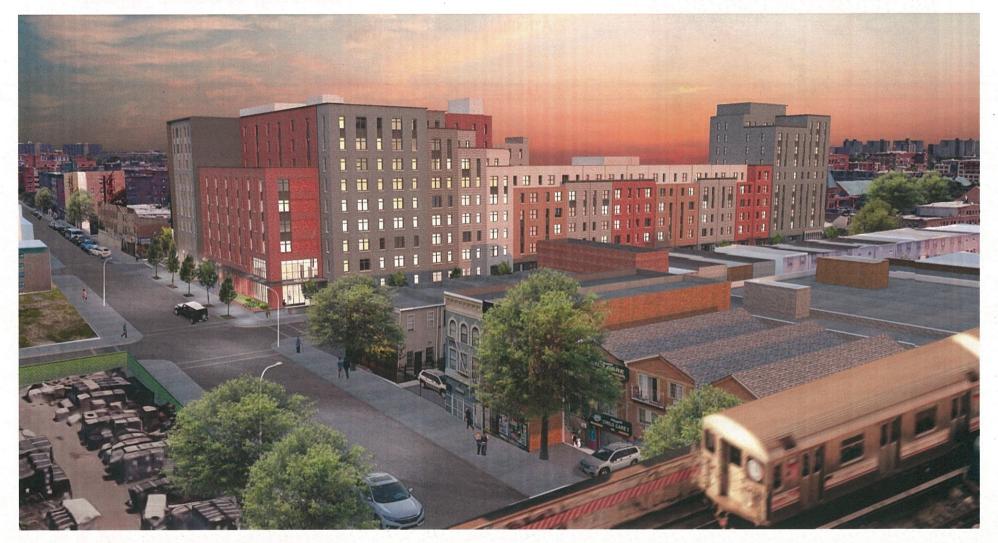
The redevelopment of HELP I will have the following benefits:

- Helping address the City's homeless crisis by replacing an aging shelter building with a modern, trauma-informed facility designed to meet clients' needs
- Creating 326 permanent affordable housing units, including up to 40% permanently affordable units through MIH
- Improving the urban design and pedestrian experience on the block
- Bringing much-needed retail and community facility space to the area
- Creating jobs for local residents and MWBE businesses





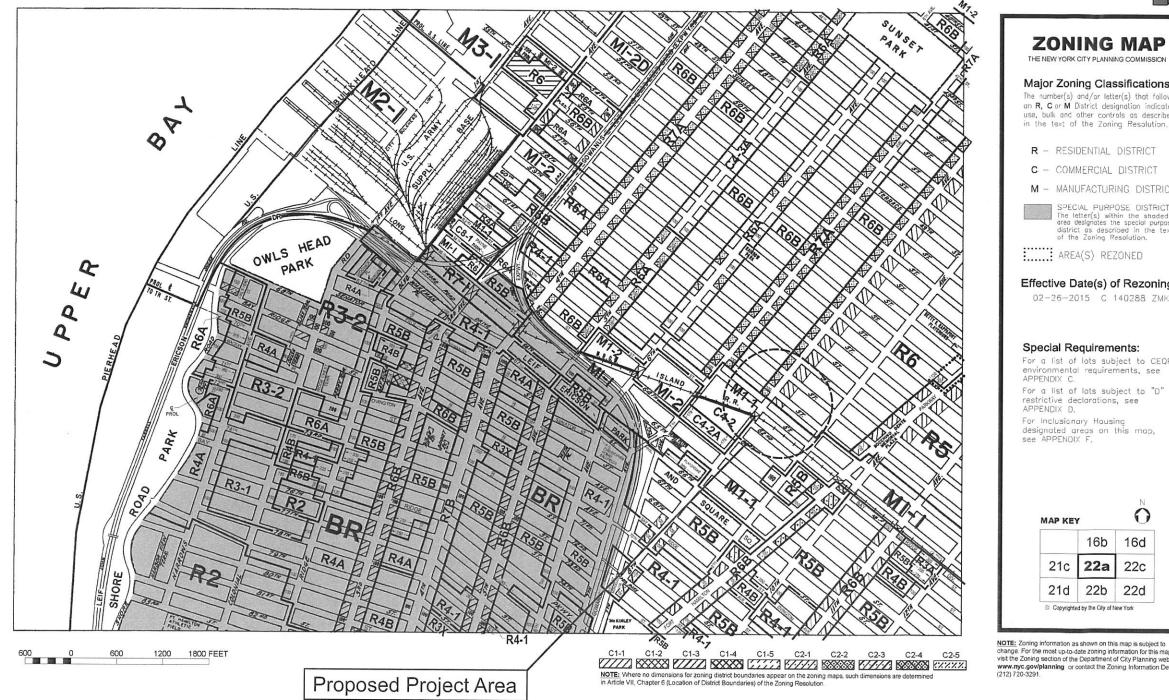
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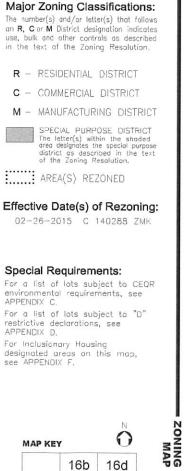


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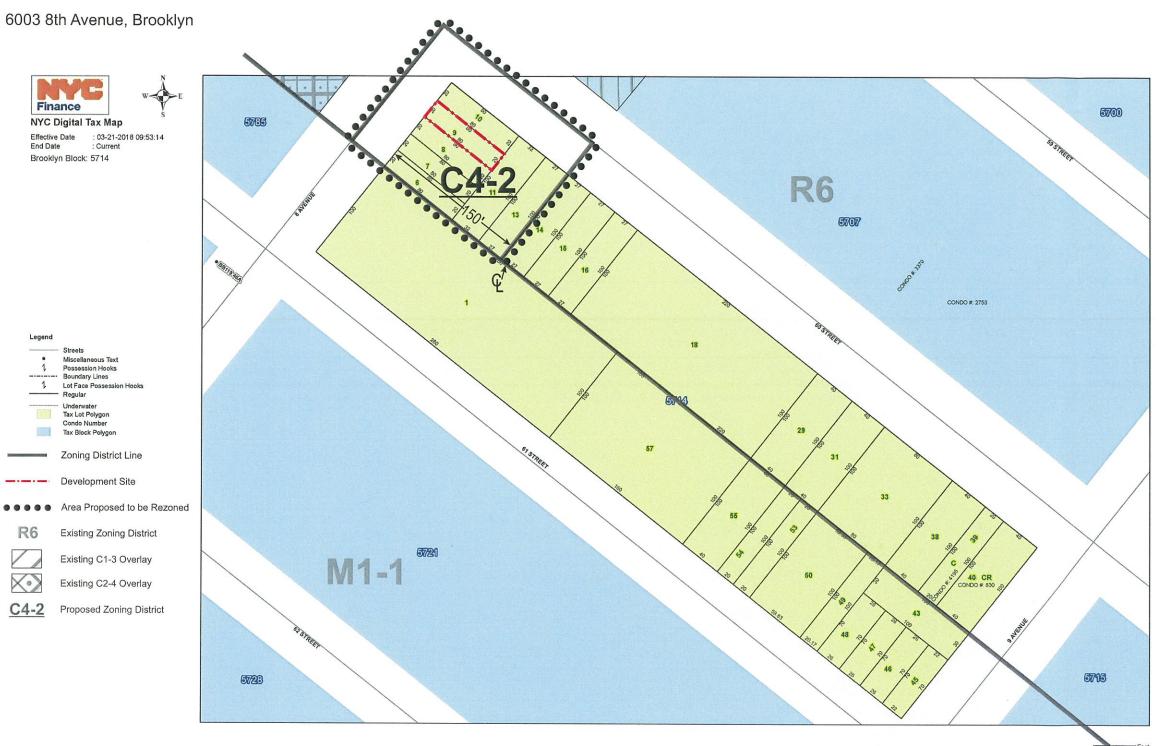


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change. For the most up-to-date zoning information for this map, visit the Zoning section of the Department of City Planning website: www.nyc.gov/planning or contact the Zoning Information Desk at

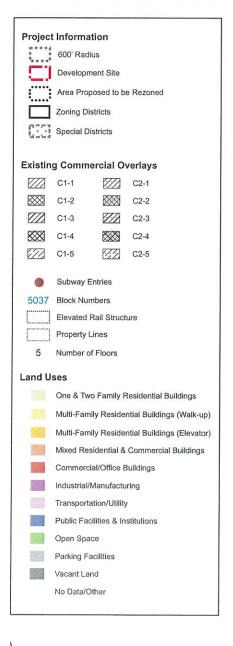


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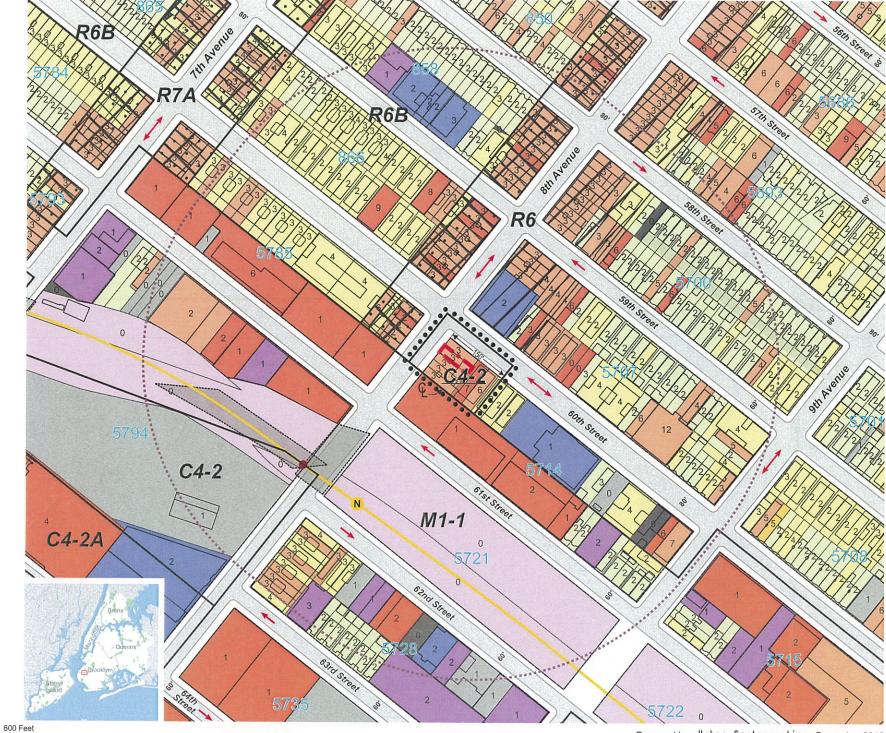
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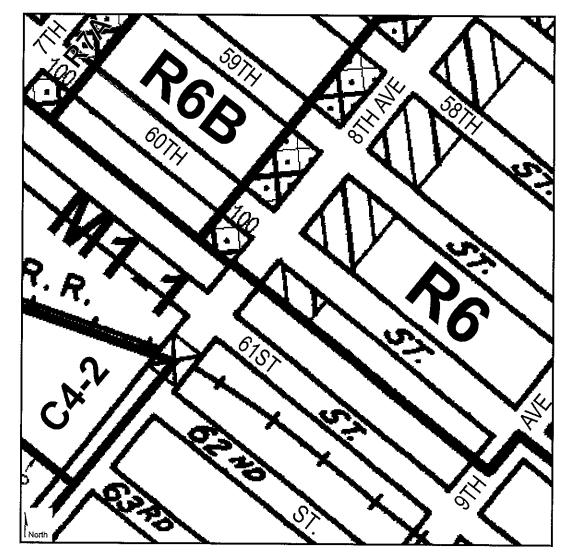
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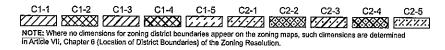


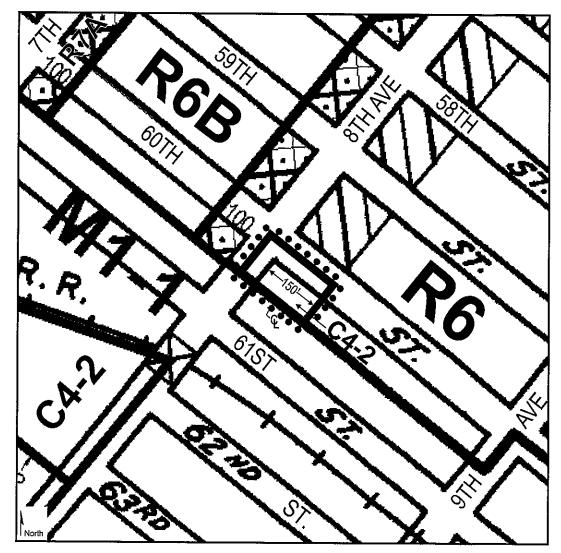
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Zoning Change Map



Current Zoning Map (22a)





Proposed Zoning Map (22a) - Area being rezoned is outlined with dotted lines Rezoning from R6/C1-3 to C4-2

6003 8th Avenue, Brooklyn

Zoning Comparison Table

	Existing Zoning (R6/C1-3)		Proposed Zoning C4-2	
	ZR Section #	R6/C1-3	ZR Section #	C4-2
USE GROUPS	22-10/32-10	1-6	22-10/32-10	1-6, 8-10, 12
MAXIMUM FAR				
Residential Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors Community Facility Commercial Commercial and Community Facility Manufacturing	23-153/23-151 23-155 33-121 33-121 33-121 33-121 n/a	3.0 ¹ (QH), 2.2 ² (QH), 2.43 (HF) 3.9 4.8 2 4.8 n/a	35-23/23-153/23-151 35-23/23-155 35-31/33-123 35-31/33-122 35-31/33-123 n/a	3.0 ¹ (QH), 2.2 ² (QH), 2.43 (HF) 3.9 4.8 3.4 4.8 n/a
YARDS				
Minimum Front Yard Minimum Side Yard Minimum Rear Yard HEIGHT AND SETBACKS	n/a 34-232/23-462 33-26/23-47	n/a None or 8' 30' / 20' (Commercial)	n/a 34-232/23-462 33-26/23-47	n/a None or 8' 30' / 20' (Commecial)
Minimum Base Height	35-652/23-662	40' (QH) ¹ , 30' (QH) ²	35-65/35-652/23-662	40' (QH) ¹ , 30' (QH) ²
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Maximum Building Teight Maximum Height of Front Wall Sky Exposure Plane Setbacks from Narrow Streets Setbacks from Wide Streets OPEN SPACE	35-652/23-662 35-652/23-662 35-22/23-641 35-22/23-641/23-662 35-22/23-641/23-662	65' (QH) ¹ , 45' (QH) ² 2.7:1 narrow / 5.6:1 wide (HF) 15' (QH), 20' (HF) 10' (QH), 15' (HF)	35-65/35-652/23-662 35-65/35-652/23-662 35-22/23-641 35-22/23-641/23-662 35-22/23-641/23-662	 70' (QH) , 55' (QH)⁻ 65' (QH)¹, 45' (QH)² 2.7:1 narrow / 5.6:1 wide (HF) 15' (QH), 20' (HF) 10' (QH), 15' (HF)
Minimum Open Space Ratio	35-32/23-151	Maria	05.00/00.151	
LOT COVERAGE	35-32/23-151	Varies	35-32/23-151	Varies
Interior/Through Lot Corner Lot	35-23/23-153 35-23/23-153	65% (QH) / n/a (Commercial) 100% (QH) / n/a (Commercial)	35-23/23-153 35-23/23-153	65% (QH) / n/a (Commercial) 100% (QH) / n/a (Commercial)
DENSITY Maximum Number of Dwelling Units Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors PARKING	35-40/23-22 35-40/23-23	680 sf/DU max 325 sf/DU max	35-40/23-22 35-40/23-23	680 sf/DU 325 sf/DU max
PARKING Residential Commercial Income-Restricted Housing Units Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors Government Assisted Dwelling Units LOADING	25-23 36-21 12-10/25-251 12-10/25-252 12-10/25-253	50% (QH), 70% (HF) By Use None (Transit Zone) None (Transit Zone) 35% (QH) / 55% (HF)	25-23 36-21 12-10/25-251 12-10/25-252 12-10/25-253	50% (QH), 70% (HF) By Use None (Transit Zone) None (Transit Zone) 35% (QH) / 55% (HF)
COADING Commercial Bicycle Parking (Residential) Bicycle Parking (AIRS) Bicycle Parking (Commercial/Manufacturing)	36-62 25-80 25-80 36-70	By Use 1 per 2 dwelling units (UG-2) 1 per 10,000 sf By Use	36-62 25-80 25-80 36-70	By Use 1 per 2 dwelling units (UG-2) 1 per 10,000 sf By Use

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* When providing affordable housing pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Program as set forth in ZR Section 23-90
¹ Within 100' of a wide street

² Beyond 100' of a wide street



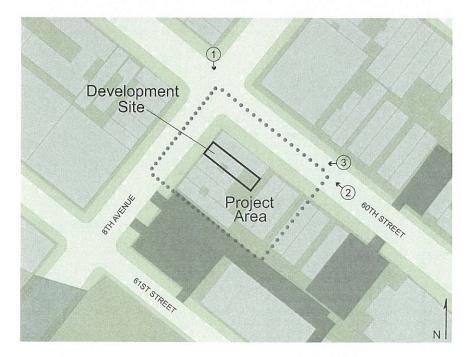
1. View of the Project Area facing south from the intersection of 8th Avenue and 60th Street.



3. View of the Project Area facing west from 60th Street.



2. View of 60th Street facing northwest (Project Area at left).





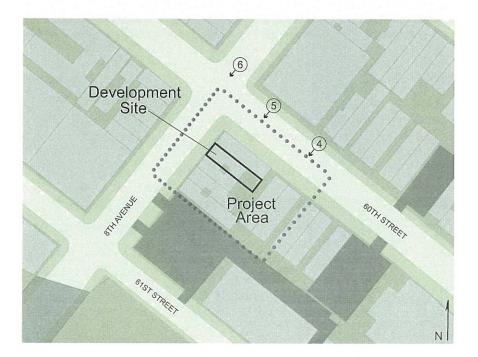
4. View of the Project Area facing southwest from 60th Street.



6. View of 8th Avenue facing southwest from 60th Street (Project Area at left).



5. View of the Project Area facing southwest from 60th Street.





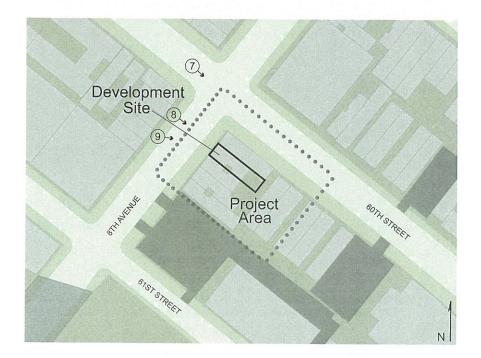
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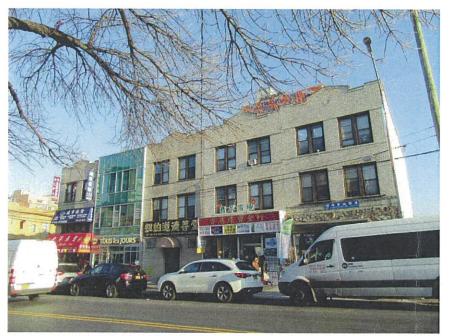
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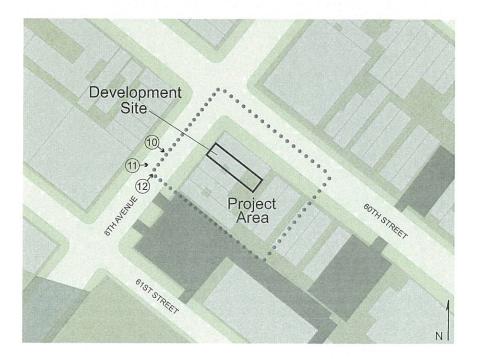
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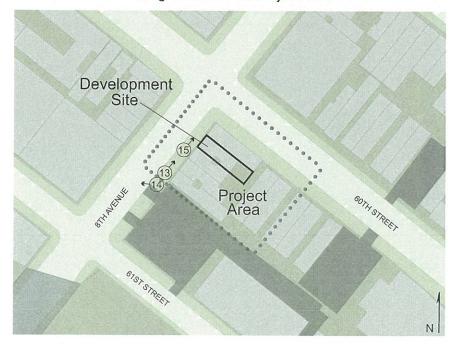
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14. View of the northwest side of 8th Avenue facing west from the Project Area.





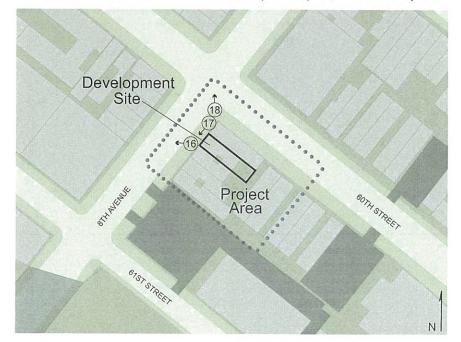
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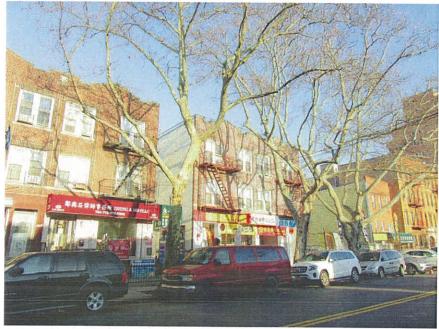


17. View of the sidewalk along the southeast side of 8th Avenue facing southwest from 60th Street (Development Site at left).





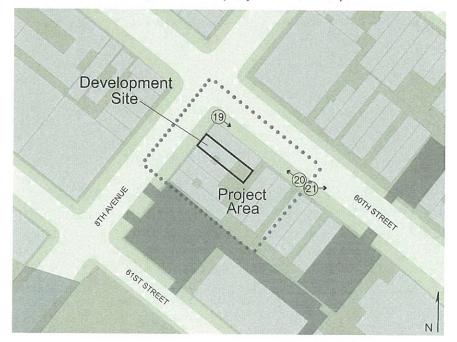
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21. View of the northeast side of 60th Street facing east from the Project Area.



20. View of the sidewalk along the southwest side of 60th Street facing northwest (Project Area at left).



Council Members - thank you all for welcoming us here today. My name is Gloria Feliciano, my husband and I run La Hermosa Christian Church.

It's an honor to talk about our proposal to revitalize La Hermosa and elevate the lives of our congregants and local residents.

Our church has deep roots in Harlem and in New York City. We are the mother church for the Disciples of Christ Hispanic Ministry in the US.

The Disciples have over 3,600 congregations in the US; 34 are here in New York.

La Hermosa's community of 90 congregants reaches 1,800 people each year through our outreach ministry and events. Hundreds of our neighbors just helped us celebrate our 81st anniversary two weeks ago.

This project is about the survival of La Hermosa. Like so many churches in Harlem and NYC, our capital needs have grown beyond our congregation's ability to manage them.

If we don't find a real solution, it's likely we'll have to close our doors.

Our community needs La Hermosa, but right now, we're limited.

The building isn't ADA accessible, and steep marble steps to the sanctuary are hard for older and disabled members.

Our old HVAC system means that services are too cold in the winter, and too hot in the summer.

A lot of our spaces, like the sanctuary balcony, stay empty most of the time. We are only using a third of our building right now.

We are proud of this proposal because it maximizes the potential of this site to work for our community:

- It secures the future of our congregation, creating an inspiring space to connect with community and faith;
- It establishes a partnership with a world-renowned, Harlem-based conservatory, the Manhattan School of Music, to offer free music education for Harlem children funded by a permanent endowment.
- It brings the streetscape of Duke Ellington Circle to life for every Harlem resident.

 Most importantly, the proceeds from the project will be reinvested directly back into our community,

With new funding and staff, we'll be able to not only relaunch but expand many of our beloved programs that we've had to pause in the past, like our soup kitchen, child care center, and food pantry, and we'll be able to recommit ourselves to our most important mission, Harlem's children.

Harlem kids don't always have access to the same kinds of opportunities that their neighbors to the south do.

We feel a real obligation to create **wholesome after school activities** that will engage young minds in our community.

We're looking forward to our partnership with Manhattan School of Music, But that's not all. We'll be able to better fulfill our mission by offering a range of other programs and services:

- On Friday evenings, we will provide space for community kids to play **basketball**, **volleyball**, **and foosball**; we'd also like to bring back our **chorus**.
- We want to be able to **help local residents in emergencies**, by formalizing a **referral program** for drug and alcohol treatment or shelters.
- Within the first year, we'd also like to host **job fairs** and **resume assistance**, and perhaps shortly after that, add **cooking classes** and **health workshops** so that our congregation can live fuller and healthier lives.
- In the longer term, we want to be able to help new arrivals to the US by reinstating our ESL classes, hosting immigration assistance workshops and facilitating connections to pro-bono lawyers.
- We will be hiring a **volunteer coordinator** who can oversee these efforts, and recruit other volunteers. So truly, this is just a start.

Underneath our proposal is our deep commitment to providing services for our community.

Thank you for your time, I hope you'll be able to support this project.



HOMELESS SERVICES UNITED 307 W. 38TH STREET, 3RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10018 T 212-367-1589 www.HSUnited.org

Statement of Homeless Services United before the New York City Council's Zoning Subcommittee November 4, 2019

My name is Catherine Trapani, and I am the Executive Director of Homeless Services United (HSU). HSU is a coalition of approximately 50 non-profit agencies serving homeless and at-risk adults and families in New York City. HSU provides advocacy, information, and training to member agencies to expand their capacity to deliver high-quality services. HSU advocates for expansion of affordable housing and prevention services and for immediate access to safe, decent, emergency and transitional housing, outreach and drop-in services for homeless New Yorkers.

Homeless Service United's member agencies operate hundreds of programs including shelters, drop-in centers, food pantries, HomeBase, and outreach and prevention services. Each day, HSU member programs work with thousands of homeless families and individuals, preventing shelter entry whenever possible and working to end homelessness through counseling, social services, health care, legal services, and public benefits assistance, among many other supports.

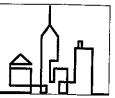
I'm here today to speak in support of HELP USA's 515 Blake Avenue Project. HELP USA was a founding member of HSU when we first incorporated in 1996 and has remained active in our organization supporting innovation and a commitment to quality services citywide ever since. They have a long track record of providing high quality services and a proven commitment to supporting and uplifting low income New Yorkers across the City with high quality eviction prevention, shelter, housing and other services.

When I first learned about this project I was immediately impressed by what it could do for the community and for the people who would call it home. When one considers our most urgent public policy goals, improving the quality of shelters, increasing access to deeply affordable housing and providing supportive housing and services to those who need them most this project fits the brief to a T. The project would provide housing for people that is truly affordable for low wage workers, have a robust set-aside for people exiting homeless shelters that is even higher than many on this Council would like to require, a supportive housing facility enriched with services to ensure formerly homeless people with service needs can successfully live independently and, would re-imagine the existing shelter facility for families to improve its design to better serve homeless families and position them for success. The project will accomplish all of this while also being incredibly thoughtful about design to ensure that the families and individuals that will live and work in the space will feel safe and comfortable while making sure the project is well integrated into the fabric of the community, beautiful and welcoming. HSU is so confident in the merits of the design that we chose to feature their plans in our 2018 Symposium "Building Facilities Tailor Made for Programs" to encourage other nonprofit developers to adopt similar approaches in projects elsewhere in the City.

The crisis of homelessness remains acute, if we are to tackle it we need bold, innovative projects like this one to move forward so we can improve the quality of shelter services and produce as much deeply affordable housing as possible. We urge the committee to approve this project and allow it to move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this matter.





TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HELP USA'S HELP ONE

Presented by Laura Mascuch, Supportive Housing Network of New York

My name is Laura Mascuch, Executive Director of the Supportive Housing Network of New York, the membership organization that represents more than 200 nonprofit organizations that operate 52,000 units of supportive housing across New York State. Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing with support services for the most vulnerable homeless individuals and families – those coping with mental health, behavioral and/or chronic health challenges.

While supportive housing is a relatively small part of HELP ONE, I would like to speak about both HELP USA and the supportive housing model and its thirty year history of success.

HELP USA is one of our longstanding members with three decades of experience across the breadth of housing and services for the most vulnerable. Their Genesis Neighborhood Plaza residence in East New York was deeply innovative and, in fact, the first of its kind: it provided housing and services to both homeless veterans as well as low-income families and individuals.

As the Council knows, supportive housing was pioneered in New York City in the early 80s in response to the onset of widespread homelessness. It is a commonsense approach that offers households quality affordable apartments matched with onsite support to help tenants stay housed and healthy. As a result of the model's success, it is now the primary response to homelessness among the most vulnerable at the city, state and federal level. There are now more than 32,000 supportive housing units in New York City. As a result of the model's success in ending tenants' homelessness, the Mayor and Governor recently committed to two initiatives that together will create 35,000 new supportive housing units in New York State over the next 15 years. HELP ONE is partially funded through the Mayor's initiative, NYC 15/15.

Part of the reason for these investments is supportive housing's reputation as both a good neighbor and an engine of economic development. An NYU study found that proximity to supportive housing leads to increases in property values.

Finally, there is no question as to the need for this housing with more than 60,000 New Yorkers sleeping in city shelters each night and thousands more sleeping on our streets and subways. If the council seeks to help these individuals and families into stable lives in the community, we recommend that you support this groundbreaking project.



Providing Homes, Jobs, and Services for America's Homeless Over 375,000 People Helped Since 1986

November 4, 2019

NYC City Council Meeting 515 Blake Avenue Hearing

To the City Council Members:

I am Jina Park. I am a social worker and the Executive Director of the HELP I homeless family shelter located at 515 Blake Avenue in Brooklyn.

As you are well aware, family homelessness is a big problem in our city. In fact, 38,000 of the almost 60,000 people living in shelters in New York City are living there as a family unit – and over 21,000 are children.

In New York City, family shelter is our society's answer to a problem which on its face is simple – many families can't afford the rent. Each family's homelessness, however, is a multi-faceted problem marked by current challenges and past traumas. There are hurdles stopping families from achieving their potential in employment, in savings, in raising their children. At HELP USA, we talk about these challenges, get our clients to recognize their strengths and help them make decisions that will facilitate their return to permanent housing and their ability to go on with their lives. We can't change the housing market or the employment market for our families, but we can reshape the way that our clients interact with those systems. HELP USA provides family shelters where this work can happen.

At 515 Blake Avenue in East New York, we have been providing this kind of service for over 30 years in a building that was built to last 15 years. When HELP I opened in the late 1980s, the prevailing view was that family homelessness was a passing phenomenon. This of course has proved untrue; the scourge of family homelessness has persisted; and the families that we serve have become even more vulnerable in the face of increasingly tighter housing markets.

One of the major problems I struggle with as the Executive Director of HELP I is that my building is no longer up to the task of providing the services that our families need at the level of dignity and respect that they require. To put it simply - the building has outlived its usefulness.

A list of top line items that are in need of capital repairs includes the following: boilers are in need of replacement, the entire roofing system must be replaced, the heating elements in the residential units need to be replaced, and windows throughout the building must be upgraded to reduce cold air infiltration in the winter.

Even more critically, the site does not have the spaces that are needed to serve clients in the manner that they require. There is almost no space for confidential meetings between families and staff. Social workers posted to our site by the current administration do not have appropriate offices. We don't have a dedicated family intake room where we can meet with new families who have just arrived at our site, nor do we have group rooms where staff and volunteers can work with our residents.



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The parents that we serve at HELP I deserve an environment that will facilitate their flourishing as parents. They need a space where their children can run and play safely. They need an environment where they can get the support and assistance they need to ensure that their children's developmental needs are being met. Their children need space to do their homework, increase their computer skills, and meet up with their friends. A purpose-built, trauma-informed, and fully thought through building will allow us to show the families we serve their value and the boundless potential of their children.

As a shelter director, the building that we do our work in is a tool that allows us to do our job. And I am here today to ask your support – and your approval for a new and vastly improved family shelter at 515 Blake Avenue.

I thank you for your time.

Jina Park, LMSW Executive Director HELP I Family Shelter

My name is Bill Wilkins and I am the Director of Economic Development and Housing for the Local Development Corporation of East New York. The LDCENY's mission is:

Growing Businesses, Changing Lives and Strengthening Communities-

for 40 plus years working primarily in 4 program areas in East Brooklyn;

Industrial Development, Commercial Revitalization, Entrepreneurship, Housing.

In the program area of Industrial Development the LDCENY is one of the:

Oldest BID's in NYC being formed in 1983 and was the First Industrial BID in NYC The First In Place Industrial Park (IPIP),

The First Empire Zone in the Zones program for ESD.

By virtue of being the director of both Economic Development and Housing provides me with a unique perspective to provide insight today.

With the Manhatanization of Brooklyn finally reaching the shores of East New York we have been plagued with rampant poaching and speculation by out siders. However, today that is not the case. We have a Community Based Organization that has and remains committed to the community of East New York by providing the necessary programs, services and housing we are most desperately in need of. Who elase has the answers besides institutions that have boots on the ground and are fighting in the trenches every day in an underserved community.

Secondly, we have the opportunity to do a two-step and that is to recycle dollars with our Industrial firms in the building trade. By virtue of them securing contracts on this project and who hire locally and then employees that spend local has a micro-stimulus effect on our economy.

I without hesitation or reservation support this development project.

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October 15th, 2019

Corey Johnson, President New York City Council District 3, Manhattan 224 West 30th Street Suite 1206 New York, NY 10001

Dear Council President Johnson,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing you today in support of a potential HELP USA project in Brooklyn. HELP USA developed 75 apartments for formerly homeless veterans on the grounds of the Perry Point Veterans Administration Hospital in Perryville, MD. I represent this district in the Maryland House of Delegates and had the opportunity to work with and assist HELP USA in completing this project.

The Perry Point Veterans Village is a flourishing community of formerly homeless veterans who needed a helping hand. HELP USA spent the better part of a decade working on this project and overcame many challenges along the way. HELP USA had to work with the local community to gain their support for the project, which was initially withheld. Additionally, rising costs, federal government bureaucracy, and environmental issues created one challenge after another. HELP USA rose to the challenge, stayed true to their mission and was successful in building what is now a wonderful veterans community.

I want to express my support for HELP USA as they seek to build a new community in Brooklyn, NY and to give comfort to the members of the City Council that I have seen firsthand that HELP USA does what it says it will do and creates communities where those who need support can live independently and successfully. I am happy to discuss this further with yourself or any other Council member who is interested. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Delegate Kevin B. Hornberger District 35-A, Cecil County



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Timothy Burch, Administrator Randy Reinoso, Assistant Director

October 23, 2019

Steven Silverman Regional Director HelpUSA-Las Vegas 1455 N Main Street Las Vegas, NV 89101

Dear Mr. Silverman:

Since 1972, Clark County Social Service (CCSS) has provided a wide variety of services to indigent residents throughout Clark County who are not assisted by other federal, state or local programs. Based on past and projected budgets, Clark County Social Service commits approximately \$27 million towards homeless programs and services annually. This includes over \$13.7 million in CCSS budget and over \$15.3 million in grant funded activities. Clark County Social Service serves as the Collaborative Applicant and fiduciary agent of the Las Vegas/Clark County Continuum of Care, locally known as the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNH CoC).

As a representative of local government and the SNH CoC, CCSS is committed to supporting collaborative efforts that enhance regional service delivery and coordination of effective strategies to prevent and end homelessness in our community. As part of the community's collaborative efforts, HelpUSA-Las Vegas, has been very responsive to the needs of the homeless community, Clark County, and the City of Las Vegas. They have demonstrated their commitment by participating in numerous committees, including those engaged with Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, and the SNH CoC. We look forward to continuing to work with them as a partner in expanding housing and services to individuals experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada and bringing an end to homelessness in our community.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (702) 455-5722.

Sincerely,

Randy Reinoso Assistant Director



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June 13, 2019

Manhattan Borough President 1 Centre St. New York, NY 10007

Dear President Brewer:

I am writing to express 32BJ SEIU's support for the proposed rezoning at 5 West 110th Street. The applicant, La Hermosa Christian Church, has made a commitment to ensure that the building service jobs at their proposed residential project will be family-sustaining jobs that pay the prevailing wage.

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32BJ represents more than 80,000 property services workers in New York City, including over 2,500 members who live and work in Community District 10. In light of this, we are pleased that La Hermosa's rezoning proposal stands to deliver so many benefits to the neighborhood beyond good jobs. The church is a long-time anchor institution and spiritual home for neighborhood residents, and the proposed project will allow it to remain in place and thrive. The rezoning will also lead to new and much-needed, permanently affordable housing—a critical resource for working people like 32BJ members.

Finally, we are enthusiastic about the Church's promise to use the proceeds from their project to provide world-class arts education for the community. This is the type of innovative benefit that development projects should be delivering.

We see La Hermosa's plan as an example of the responsible development that New York City needs. On behalf of our members in Harlem, as well as our larger New York City membership, I urge you to support this project.

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Kyle Bragg

Secretary Treasurer



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Monday, June 24, 2019

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer 1 Centre St. New York, NY 10007

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Dear Borough President Brewer,

I am writing to you to voice my support for the proposed revitalization of La Hermosa Christian Church, on behalf of my own congregation, Manhattan Grace Tabernacle (MGT).

FOR THE RECORD

One of the pillars of Christianity is to support those in need, and La Hermosa has lived up to this axiom time and again: As a longtime anchor of Harlem's Hispanic community, La Hermosa is a steadfast support of recent immigrants. They were on the front lines of providing aid to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

Like many local churches, MGT has also benefited from La Hermosa's charitable spirit: La Hermosa has opened its doors to us for choral practice, baptisms, ladles' gatherings, men's studies and young adult activities, all of which are open to both Spanish- and English-speaking communities. La Hermosa provides office space for our staff where we plan community outreaches. They also, like MGT, serve the community with a food bank. And that is just the beginning; from providing a music school to young children, to promoting senior clubs, and building support groups— La Hermosa acts as a vital meeting place for our community.

As a result of the hundreds of hours I have spent at La Hermosa over the past few years, I know firsthand the capital challenges that the church faces:

It was built before modern accessibility laws, and older congregants have a hard time navigating the space. Steep stone steps provide a real challenge for members of the congregation; the intemperate worship spaces, that are either much too cold or much too hot, make services a challenge.

They have largely given up on much of their spacious building, like the sanctuary balcony and the baptismal tank, preferring to host worship in a small secondary room downstairs—which is more accessible, but simply not as inspiring.

I cannot imagine what they would be able to do with a space that fully met their needs, and I applaud church leadership for harnessing the value of their unique location to their benefit.

A revitalized La Hermosa would not just mean an inspiring, elevated space in which the community could worship; it would create a permanent endowment for arts and music education for area kids, and much needed on-site affordable housing. It would create good jobs and an anchor for cultural and religious life in our community.

Flexible spaces would mean that Harlemites would have access to the church for any number of activities, from after-school clubs and parenting meetups to graduations, weddings and even sporting events.

Not only is the plan for the future of La Hermosa responsible, but it is necessary to protect the spiritual livelihoods of hundreds of people in our community. We must do everything we can to keep La Hermosa's doors open for the future, which is why on behalf of MGT, I wholeheartedly support this project and urge you to do the same.

In His Service,

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Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer 1 Centre Street New York, NY

Dear Borough President Brewer,

We are neighbors of La Hermosa Christian Church; we write to you in support of the revitalization of La Hermosa, a spiritual home in Harlem that has served as the backbone of the Hispanic community here for over 80 years. We hope you will stand with us.

La Hermosa plays an important role here in Harlem; it is not only a place that we know we can go to worship and feel closer to God as a community, but it is also a place where we can do good.

La Hermosa does so much with the limited resources we have, from providing space for other churches without space of their own, to hosting music classes for kids and hosting street fairs and clothing giveaways to those in need.

But the space is aging, and like so many other churches in Harlem and across the city, they simply don't have the funds to restore it. If they don't do something soon, they will no longer continue to exist as a social anchor here in Harlem.

They deserve a space that is worthy of their congregation, that encourages new membership, and that allows them to expand on the good work they already do.

We support the plan to use the value of the land La Hermosa sits on to deliver a beautiful, accessible and inspiring La Hermosa, and so much more. It would deliver affordable housing for our community, an endowment for music and the arts for local kids to honor the place's history as one of the birthplaces of Latin Jazz, and flexible spaces for other churches and nonprofits. It would create good union jobs and bring investment into our community which we would actually benefit from.

These are the kinds of resources we need; longtime Harlem residents deserve beautiful spaces, quality housing and world-class education too.

Estimado Presidente Brewer,

Somos vecinos de La Hermosa Christian Church; te estamos escribiendo para demonstrar el apoyo para la revitalización de La Hermosa, un hogar espiritual que ha servido como el espinazo de la comunidad hispana por más de ochenta años. Esperamos que estés con nosotros,

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47. La Hermosa tiene un papel importante aquí en Harlem; no es solo un espacio donde podemos encontrar comunidad y para adorar y sentirnos más cerca de Dios. Es un lugar donde también se puede hacer bien. La Hermosa hace mucho con los recursos que tiene, desde proporcionar espacio para otras iglesias sin espacio propio, hasta organizar clases de música para niños y organizar ferias en la calle y obsequios de ropa para los necesitados.

Su espacio está envejeciendo y como otras Iglesias en Harlem y por la ciudad, sinceramente no tienen los fondos para restaurarlo. Si no se hace algo pronto, se existencia no se puede garantizar que continúe como pilar social aquí en Harlem.

La Hermosa merece un espacio que sea digno de su congregación, y que aliente a sus nuevos miembros, y que permita expandir el buen trabajo que ya hacen.

Apoyamos al plan de La Hermosa para utilizar la tierra que tienen y asegurar un lugar para la iglesia que sea hermosa, accesible e inspiradora. La Hermosa proveerá alojamientos asequibles para los que necesitados de nuestra comunidad, una dotación para música y las artes para honrar la historia como uno de los lugares de nacimiento del jazz latino y espacios flexibles para otras organizaciones. Crearía buenos empleos y atraería inversiones a nuestra comunidad, de lo que realmente nos beneficiaríamos todos.

Estos son los tipos de recursos que hemos necesitado durante mucho tiempo; para mucho tiempo los residentes de Harlem han merecido espacios hermosos, viviendas de calidad y educación de clases de música también.

La Hermosa es un pilar social muy crucial a la comunidad. Apoyamos la revitalización de esta propiedad para que podamos sentirnos orgullosos: un espacio que levantara el ánimo de Harlem; que honra su historia; y que nos preparara para el futuro.

Muchas gracias. D AA

Cc: Marisa Lago, Director, Department of City Planning Corey Johnson, Speaker, City Council Bill Perkins, City Council

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The main sanctuary is hard to heat and keep cool, and in the height of the summer and depths of winter, the space isn't safe for our older and infirm members. Our older congregants also have a hard time climbing the steep stone steps to the sanctuary. Our baptismal tank, one of the few in the city, is also on the second floor, but never gets used because of structural concerns. Our pastor, Reverend Daniel Feliciano, has moved our services downstairs to a much smaller space out of necessity, which is needed but it keeps our congregation small.

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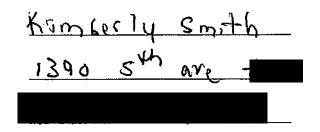
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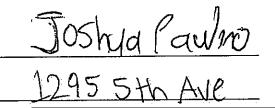
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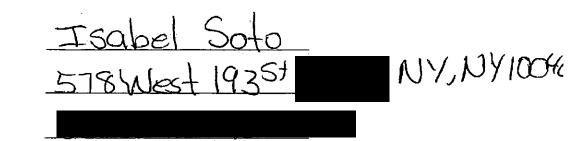
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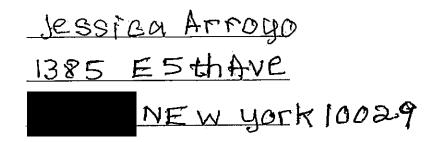
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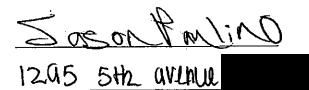
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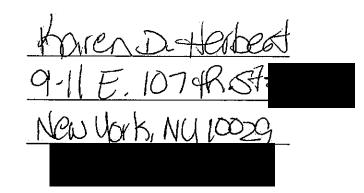
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Dear Borough President Brewer,

I represent Bethel Christian Church Disciples of Christ; I am writing to you to express our whole congregation's heartfelt support for the plan to revitalize La Hermosa Christian Church.

It seems like every year houses of worship in Harlem and across our city close their doors, unable to meet their growing capital needs or pay their rent. Our community has lost countless meaningful social anchors, and we cannot afford to lose more.

And though La Hermosa does so much for Harlem, from music classes for kids to social groups for seniors and hosting street fairs and coat giveaways, the truth is that it could easily be another casualty.

As the churches' capital needs grow, its longtime congregants don't have the funds for the necessary repairs. Their space has ceased meeting the congregation's needs-- from steep stone steps to the sanctuary that are hard for the older members to navigate, to inconsistent heating and cooling that make services dangerously cold or hot. They've moved services downstairs into a less inspiring space, keeping their congregation artificially small.

It's a pattern I've seen hundreds of times.

Despite its capital limitations, La Hermosa's leadership still displays its tremendously generous spirit every single day. La Hermosa has an open-door policy for other churches and nonprofits that have lost their space in the neighborhood; it is an anchor for Hispanic life in the city, and it is valuable as a place for people of diverse faiths, resources and abilities to congregate.

Which is why I am so supportive of La Hermosa's innovative plan to turn the tide of closures by using the value of their land—not just for their benefit, but for the benefit of a huge number of local community anchors that weren't so lucky.

They will also give so much back to the broader neighborhood—from needed, on-site affordable housing, to good jobs and MWBE hiring, to a sizable endowment for music education to honor Harlem's musical history.

The church will face the park, with a beautiful view that will uplift, inspire, and help its congregants feel closer to God. Flexible spaces will ensure that every Harlemite can feel ownership of the space, using it for community activities, parenting meetups, graduations and more.

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July 28, 2019

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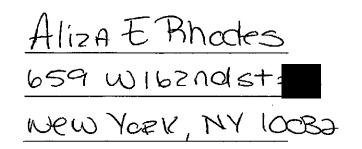
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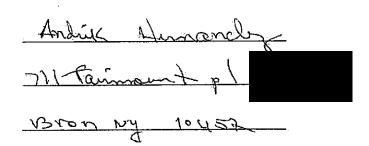
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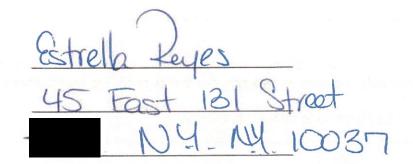
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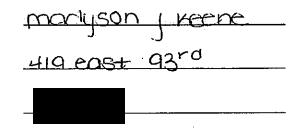
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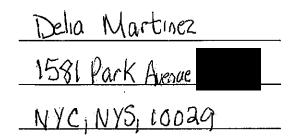
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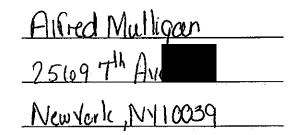
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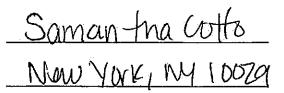
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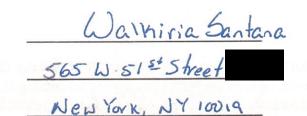
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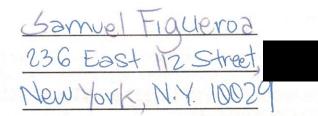
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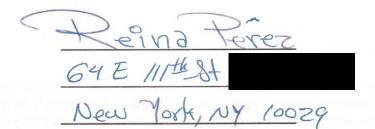
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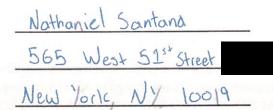
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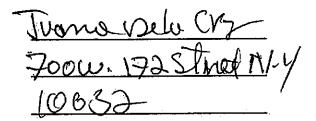
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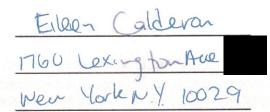
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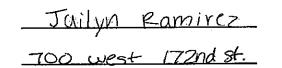
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July 25, 2019

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Dear Borough President Brewer,

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It seems like every year houses of worship in Harlem and across our city close their doors, unable to meet their growing capital needs or pay their rent. Our community has lost countless meaningful social anchors, and we cannot afford to lose more.

And though La Hermosa does so much for Harlem, from music classes for kids to social groups for seniors and hosting street fairs and coat giveaways, the truth is that it could easily be another casualty.

As the churches' capital needs grow, its longtime congregants don't have the funds for the necessary repairs. Their space has ceased meeting the congregation's needs-- from steep stone steps to the sanctuary that are hard for the older members to navigate, to inconsistent heating and cooling that make services dangerously cold or hot. They've moved services downstairs into a less inspiring space, keeping their congregation artificially small.

It's a pattern I've seen hundreds of times.

Despite its capital limitations, La Hermosa's leadership still displays its tremendously generous spirit every single day. La Hermosa has an open-door policy for other churches and nonprofits that have lost their space in the neighborhood; it is an anchor for Hispanic life in the city, and it is valuable as a place for people of diverse faiths, resources and abilities to congregate.

Which is why I am so supportive of La Hermosa's innovative plan to turn the tide of closures by using the value of their land—not just for their benefit, but for the benefit of a huge number of local community anchors that weren't so lucky.

They will also give so much back to the broader neighborhood—from needed, on-site affordable housing, to good jobs and MWBE hiring, to a sizable endowment for music education to honor Harlem's musical history.

The church will face the park, with a beautiful view that will uplift, inspire, and help its congregants feel closer to god. Flexible spaces will ensure that every Harlemite can feel ownership of the space, using it for community activities, parenting meetups, graduations and more.

This is a project that for once, will be by—and for—our local community. I urge you to stand with me, and hundreds of other Harlemites, in support.

Singerely **Bev.** Dr. Huberto Pimentel



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August 22, 2019

Marisa Lago City Planning Commission Chair Department of City Planning 120 Broadway 31st Floor New York, NY 10271

Dear Chair Lago,

I am writing to express 32BJ SEIU's support for La Hermosa Christian Church's proposal rezoning at 5 West 110th Street.

32BJ is the largest property services union in the country. We represent more than 85,0000 workers in New York City, including janitors, security guards, handypersons and supers, like those who will maintain this new development. We are excited to support this team of developers because they have made a credible commitment to prevailing wage for building service workers at this site. This commitment will give workers access to family-sustaining wages, retirement and substantial health benefits, and help ensure good labor relations and respect for workers' rights

Our union supports responsible developers who invest in the communities where they build. We applaud this team for not only working to guarantee good wages but also including community benefits such as, much needed permanent affordable housing, and a commitment to use a portion of the project's proceeds to developing a performing arts education program. La Hermosa is a long-time anchor institution and spiritual home for neighborhood residents, and the proposed project will allow it to remain and thrive.

Good jobs that provide family-sustaining wages and benefits can help New Yorkers out of poverty and allow working families to continue to call New York home. 32BJ has over 2,500 members who live or work in Community District 10. We know that this development will continue to uphold the industry standard and allow working families to remain in their quickly changing neighborhood.

32BJ is confident La Hermosa Christian Church will stand by their commitments to workers and the community. On behalf 32BJ SEIU, I urge the City Planning Commission to approve this project.

Sincerely,

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John Santos Vice President

David Ramos, Pastor 255 Fielduton Terrace, Brony, NY 10463

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La Hermosa is a crucial social anchor for so many. We invite you support the plan to deliver a revitalized La Hermosa that church folk and the surrounding community can be proud of— a space that lifts Harlem's spirits, that honors its history, and that prepares it for the future.

Estimada Presidenta Brewer,

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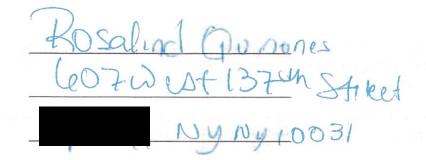
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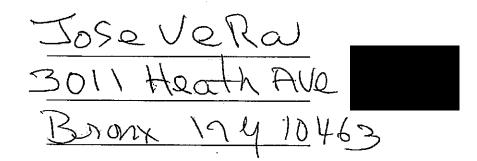
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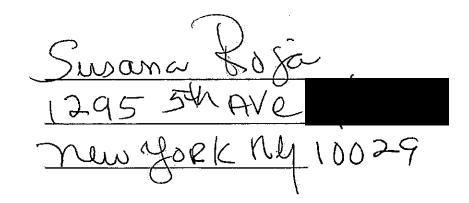
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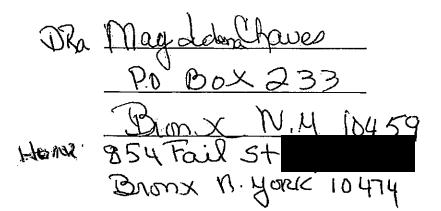
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We support the plan to use the value of the land La Hermosa sits on to deliver a beautiful, accessible and inspiring La Hermosa, and so much more. It would deliver affordable housing for

its neighbors, an endowment for music and the arts for local kids to honor the place's history as one of the birthplaces of Latin Jazz, and flexible spaces for other churches and nonprofits. It would create good union jobs and bring investment into its community.

These are the kinds of resources communities like ours need; longtime Harlem residents deserve beautiful spaces, quality housing and world-class arts education too.

La Hermosa is a crucial social anchor for so many. We invite you support the plan to deliver a revitalized La Hermosa that church folk and the surrounding community can be proud of— a space that lifts Harlem's spirits, that honors its history, and that prepares it for the future.

Estimada Presidenta Brewer,

Somos miembros de La Tercera Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) ubicada en el 46 Hamilton Place, Nueva York, NY 10031. Somos una iglesia hija de la Iglesia Cristiana de La Hermosa; os escribimos en apoyo de la revitalización de La Hermosa, un hogar espiritual en Harlem que ha servido como columna de la comunidad hispana durante más de 80 años. Esperamos que esté con nosotros.

La Hermosa juega un papel importante en Harlem; durante muchos años ha sido un lugar de servicio y un lugar que conecta con su comunidad.

La Hermosa hace mucho con los limitados recursos que tiene, desde proporcionar espacio para otras iglesias sin espacio propio, hasta organizar clases de música para niños y organizar ferias en su área de parqueo y sorteos de ropa a los necesitados.

Su hermoso santuario y edificio está envejeciendo, y como tantas otras iglesias en Harlem y en toda la ciudad, simplemente no tienen los fondos para restaurarlo. Si algo no se hace pronto, dejará de continuar como un ancla social en Harlem.

El santuario principal es difícil de calentar y mantener fresco, las temperaturas drásticamente calientes en el verano y frías en el invierno en el santuario crean riesgos de salud para las personas ancianos y enfermos. Las escaleras de piedra hasta el santuario son desafiantes. El tanque bautismal, uno de los pocos de la ciudad, que también está en el segundo piso, ya no se utiliza debido a preocupaciones estructurales. El Reverendo Daniel Feliciano ha trasladado los servicios abajo a un espacio mucho más pequeño por necesidad, pero mantiene a la congregación pequeña.

La Hermosa merece un espacio digno de su congregación, que fomente la nueva membresía, y que le permita ampliar el buen trabajo que ya hacen.

Apoyamos el plan de usar el valor de la tierra en la que La Hermosa esta para ofrecer una hermosa, accesible e inspiradora La Hermosa, y mucho más. Ofrecería viviendas asequibles para sus vecinos, una dotación para la música y las artes para así honrar la historia del lugar como uno de los lugares de nacimiento del Jazz Latino, y espacios flexibles para otras iglesias y organizaciones sin fines de lucro. Crearía buenos puestos de trabajo sindicales y traería inversión a su comunidad.

Estos son los tipos de recursos que las comunidades como las nuestras necesitan; residentes de Harlem merecen hermosos espacios, viviendas de calidad y educación artística de alta calidad también.

La Hermosa es un ancla social crucial para tantos. Le invitamos a apoyar el plan para entregar una La Hermosa revitalizada de la que la gente de la iglesia y la comunidad circundante pueden estar orgullosas, un espacio que eleva los espíritus de Harlem, que honra su historia y que la prepara para el futuro.

Muchas gracias,

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Cc: Marisa Lago, Director, Department of City Planning Corey Johnson, Speaker, City Council Bill Perkins, City Council



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August 27, 2019

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer 1 Centre St. New York, NY 10007

Dear Borough President Brewer,

I am writing to you to express our whole congregation's heartfelt support for the plan to revitalize La Hermosa Christian Church.

It seems like every year houses of worship in Harlem and across our city close their doors, unable to meet their growing capital needs or pay their rent. Our community has lost countless meaningful social anchors, and we cannot afford to lose more.

And though La Hermosa does so much for Harlem, from music classes for kids to social groups for seniors and hosting street fairs and coat giveaways, the truth is that it could easily be another casualty.

As the churches' capital needs grow, its longtime congregants don't have the funds for the necessary repairs. Their space has ceased meeting the congregation's needs-- from steep stone steps to the sanctuary that are hard for the older members to navigate, to inconsistent heating and cooling that make services dangerously cold or hot. They've moved services downstairs into a less inspiring space, keeping their congregation artificially small.

It's a pattern I've seen hundreds of times. Despite its capital limitations, La Hermosa's leadership still displays its tremendously generous spirit every single day. La Hermosa has an open-door policy for other churches and nonprofits that have lost their space in the neighborhood; it is an anchor for Hispanic life in the city, and it is valuable as a place for people of diverse faiths, resources and abilities to congregate.

Which is why I am so supportive of La Hermosa's innovative plan to turn the tide of closures by using the value of their land-not just for their benefit, but for the benefit of a huge number of local community anchors that weren't so lucky.

They will also give so much back to the broader neighborhood-from needed, on-site affordable housing, to good jobs and MWBE hiring, to a sizable endowment for music education to honor Harlem's musical history.

The church will face the park, with a beautiful view that will uplift, inspire, and help its congregants feel closer to god. Flexible spaces will ensure that every Harlemite can feel ownership of the space, using it for community activities, parenting meetups, graduations and more.

This is a project that for once, will be by-and for-our local community. I urge you to stand with me, and hundreds of other Harlemites, in support.

Sincerely,

Rev. Samuel Vázquez

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	THE CITY OF NEW YORK Hermoso
	Appearance Card
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	in favor in opposition
	Date:
	Name: UANA AMOS
	Address:
	I represent:
	Address :
	Please complete this card and return to the Sergeant-at-Arms