

**From:** [Patrick Egan](#)  
**To:** [Land Use Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony Submission: 1620 Cortelyou Ave, Brooklyn  
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Please accept the following testimony, also attached:

To Whom It May Concern:

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I am well aware of the urgent need for affordable housing. I'm also well aware that New York City has a poor track record in creating truly affordable housing, especially for families. My understanding is that there are too many uncertainties about the developer's plan to know what, if any, impact the building will have on putting affordable housing within the reach of those who need it.

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