



## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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**IN THE MATTER OF** a communication dated July 8, 2011, from the Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding the landmark designation of the Crown Heights North II Historic District, designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on June 28, 2011 (List No. 444, LP No. 2361). Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 8. The district boundaries are: bounded by a line beginning at the northwest corner of Block 1213 Lot 72 (1109 Bergen Street), extending southerly across Bergen Street to its southern curbline, westerly along the southern curbline of Bergen Street to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 1100 Bergen Street, southerly along said property line, easterly along the southern property lines of 1100 to 1108 Bergen Street, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 1110 Bergen Street (aka 715 St. Mark's Avenue, Block 1220, Lot 19) to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southwest corner of the northern building on Lot 19, easterly along said line, the southern building line of the northern building on Lot 19, and a line extending easterly to the western property line of 1120 Bergen Street, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 1120 Bergen Street, easterly along the southern property line of 1120 Bergen Street, southerly along a portion of the western property line of 1130 Bergen Street and the western property line of 731 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 731-751 St. Mark's Avenue and 150 New York Avenue) and across St. Mark's Avenue to the southern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along the southern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 744 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 744-748 St. Mark's Avenue), southerly along the western property line of 744 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 744-748 St. Mark's Avenue), westerly along the northern property lines of 837 to 833 Prospect Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 827 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 827 and 825 Prospect Place, northerly along eastern property line of 821-823 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 821-823 Prospect Place, southerly along the western property line of 821-823 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 819 Prospect Place and part of the northern property line of 817 Prospect Place, northerly along part of the eastern property line of 817 Prospect Place, westerly along part of the northern property line of 817 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 815 Prospect Place, southerly along the western property line of 815 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property line of 809 Prospect Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 805 Prospect Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 805 and 801 Prospect Place, southerly along the western property line of 801 Prospect Place, southerly across Prospect Place to the southern curbline of Prospect Place, westerly along the southern curbline of Prospect Place to the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue, southerly along the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue to the northern curbline of Sterling Place, easterly along the northern curbline of Sterling Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 860 Sterling Place, southerly across Sterling Place and along the western property line of 860 Sterling Place, easterly along the southern property lines of 860 to 868 Sterling Place, southerly along the western property line of 857 St. John's Place, westerly along the northern property line of 853 St. John's Place, southerly along the western property line of 853 St. John's Place to its intersection with the northern curbline of St. John's Place, easterly along the northern curbline of St. John's Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 856 St. John's Place, southerly across St. John's Place and along the western property lines of 856 St. John's Place and 799 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 797 to 787 Lincoln

Place (aka 767B-775 Nostrand Avenue) to the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue, southerly along the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue, southerly across Lincoln Place, southerly along the eastern curbline of Nostrand Avenue to the northern curbline of Eastern Parkway, easterly along the northern curbline of Eastern Parkway, easterly across New York Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 299 New York Avenue (aka 619 Eastern Parkway), northerly along the eastern property lines of 299 (aka 619 Eastern Parkway) to 291 New York Avenue, easterly along the southern property lines of 884 to 932 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 276 Brooklyn Avenue, easterly along the southern property line of 276 Brooklyn Avenue to the western curbline of Brooklyn Avenue, northerly along the western curbline of Brooklyn Avenue across Lincoln Place, St. John's Place, Sterling Place, and Park Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the northern property line of 186 Brooklyn Avenue, westerly along the northern property line of 186 Brooklyn Avenue, southerly along the western property line of 186 Brooklyn Avenue, westerly along the northern property lines of 979 and 975 Park Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 963-973 Park Place and 940 Prospect Place, northerly across Prospect Place to the northern curbline of Prospect Place, westerly along the northern curbline of Prospect Place to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 895-905 Prospect Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), northerly along part of the eastern property line of 895-905 Prospect Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), easterly along part of the southern property line of 895-905 Prospect Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), northerly along part of the eastern property line of 895-905 Prospect Place (aka 800-810 St. Mark's Avenue), northerly across St. Mark's Avenue to the northern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue, westerly along the northern curbline of St. Mark's Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern property line of 777-785 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 1180 Bergen Street), northerly along the eastern property line of 777-785 St. Mark's Avenue (aka 1180 Bergen Street) to the southern curbline of Bergen Street, westerly along the southern curbline of Bergen Street to the eastern curbline of New York Avenue, northerly along the eastern curbline of New York Avenue to a point formed by its intersection with a line extending easterly from the northern property line of 110 New York Avenue (aka 110-120 New York Avenue and aka 1145-1155 Bergen Street), westerly across New York Avenue, westerly along the northern property line of 110 New York Avenue (aka 110-120 New York Avenue and aka 1145-1155 Bergen Street), westerly along the northern property lines of 1141 to 1131 Bergen Street, southerly along the western property line of 1131 Bergen Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1127 to 1121 Bergen Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1119 Bergen Street, westerly along the northern property line of 1119 Bergen Street, southerly along the western property line of 1119 Bergen Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1117 to 1109 Bergen Street, to the point of beginning.

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Pursuant to Section 3020.8(a) and (b) of the City Charter, the City Planning Commission shall submit to the City Council a report with respect to the relation of the designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, whether of a historic district or a landmark, to the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements, and any plans for the development, growth, improvement or renewal of the area involved.

On June 28, 2011, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) designated the Crown

Heights North Historic District II (List 444, LP-2361). The District encompasses approximately 600 buildings, including single- and two-family row houses, freestanding residences, flats buildings, institutional buildings, churches, and apartment houses, within the Crown Heights North neighborhood of Community District 8, Brooklyn. The Crown Heights North Historic District II is located immediately south of the Crown Heights North Historic District and is generally bounded by Bergen St. to the north, Eastern Parkway to the south, Nostrand Ave. to the west, and Brooklyn Ave. to the east. The Historic District lies predominantly within an R6 zoning district, which permits residential and community facility uses.

The Crown Heights North Historic District II contains buildings and other improvements characterized with a special historical and aesthetic value. The buildings, built primarily from the 1870s to the early 1940s are excellent and well-preserved examples of architectural styles that flourished in Brooklyn during this period, including the neo-Grec, Queen Anne, Art Deco, and Art Moderne, as well as the Romanesque, Renaissance, Colonial, Gothic, and Medieval Revival styles constituting a diverse mixture of architectural styles. On its north the District adjoins the Crown Heights North Historic District, designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission in 2007 containing more than 450 buildings of similar age, style, and type. The Crown Heights North II designation extends this district southward to Eastern Parkway, and includes properties on Bergen Street, St. Mark's Avenue, and Prospect Place to the west of the earlier-designated buildings on these streets.

Once occupied by Lenape Indians, most of the land within the Crown Heights North II Historic District was part of a large farm auctioned off in 1850s and the district's earliest row houses were completed in the neo-Grec style at 1109 to 1117 Bergen Street around 1870s. Following the 1883 opening of the Brooklyn Bridge, many fine freestanding houses were constructed in the district, including the Queen Anne style houses at 979 Park Place and 847 Prospect Place, and the Romanesque Revival style house at 758 St. Mark's Avenue. The district's only 19th-century institutional building, and one of its most impressive examples of Romanesque Revival architecture, was completed on Park Place east of New York Avenue in 1889.

All landmark buildings or buildings within Historic Districts are eligible to apply for use and bulk waivers pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution. Pursuant to Section 74-79, no transfer of development rights is permitted from any structure within an historic district.

### **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Section 3020.8(a) of the City Charter, the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 10, 2011, (Calendar No. 19). There were no speakers and the hearing was closed.

### **CONSIDERATION**

The City Planning Commission has evaluated the Crown Heights North II Historic District in relation to the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements and plans for the development, growth and improvements in the vicinity of the area involved. The subject Historic District does not conflict with the Zoning Resolution. In addition, the Commission is not aware of any conflicts between the subject Historic District designation and projected public improvements or any plans for development, growth, improvement, or renewal in the vicinity of the Historic District.

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