



## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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**IN THE MATTER OF** a communication dated April 3, 2015 from the Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding the landmark designation of the Crown Heights North III Historic District, designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on March 24, 2015 (List No. 479, LP No. 2489). The district boundaries are: bounded by a line beginning at the northeast corner of Kingston Avenue and Pacific Street, extending southerly across Pacific Street and along the eastern curbline of Kingston Avenue, crossing Dean Street and Bergen Street, to the southeast corner of Kingston Avenue and Bergen Street, and continuing westerly across Kingston Avenue to the southwest corner of Kingston Avenue and Bergen Street, southerly along the western curbline of Kingston Avenue to the northwest corner of Kingston Avenue and St. Mark's Avenue, easterly across Kingston Avenue to the northeast corner of Kingston Avenue and St. Mark's Avenue, southerly across St. Mark's Avenue and along the eastern curbline of Kingston Avenue, crossing Prospect Place and Park Place, to the southeast corner of Kingston Avenue and Park Place, westerly across Kingston Avenue, along the southern curbline of Park Place, and across Brooklyn Avenue to the southwest corner of Brooklyn Avenue and Park Place, southerly along the western curbline of Brooklyn Avenue to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southern property line of 277 Brooklyn Avenue, across Brooklyn Avenue and easterly along the southern property lines of 277 Brooklyn Avenue and 968 to 982 (block 1264, lot 116) Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 982 Lincoln Place, northeasterly along the southern property lines of 982, 984 (block 1264, lot 17), and 986 (block 1264, lot 18) Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 988 Lincoln Place, easterly along the southern property lines of 988 to 994 Lincoln Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 994 Lincoln Place, easterly along the southern property line of 996 Lincoln Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 996 Lincoln Place and across Lincoln Place to the northern curbline of Lincoln Place, easterly along said curbline and across Kingston Avenue to the northeast corner of Kingston Avenue and Lincoln Place, southerly across Lincoln Place and along the eastern curbline of Kingston Avenue, easterly along the southern property line of 285 Kingston Avenue, northerly along the eastern property lines of 285 and 283 Kingston Avenue, easterly along the southern property lines of 1050 to 1110 Lincoln Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 1110 Lincoln Place and across Lincoln Place to the northern curbline of Lincoln Place, easterly along said curbline to the northwest corner of Albany Avenue and Lincoln Place, northerly along the western curbline of Albany Avenue, westerly along the northern property line of 288 Albany Avenue, northerly along the eastern property line of 1107 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 1107 to 1103 Lincoln Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 1103 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 1103 to 1097 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1097 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 1095 to 1079 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1079 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 1077 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1077 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 1075 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1075 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 1073 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1073 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 1071 Lincoln Place, southerly along the

western property line of 1071 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 1069 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1069 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 1067 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1067 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 1065 and 1063 Lincoln Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 1061 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 1061 Lincoln Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 1059 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property lines of 1059 to 1049 Lincoln Place, southerly along the western property line of 1049 Lincoln Place, westerly along the northern property line of 267 Kingston Avenue and across Kingston Avenue to the western curblineline of Kingston Avenue, northerly along the western curblineline of Kingston Avenue, westerly along the northern property lines of 260 Kingston Avenue and 1025 to 979 Lincoln Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 1034 St. John's Place and across St. John's Place to the northern curblineline of St. John's Place, easterly along the northern curblineline of St. John's Place, northerly along the eastern property lines of 1045 St. John's Place and 1062-1062A Sterling Place and across Sterling Place to the northern curblineline of Sterling Place, easterly along said curblineline and across Kingston Avenue to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending northerly from the western property line of 1120 Sterling Place, southerly across Sterling Place and along the western property line of 1120 Sterling Place, easterly along the southern property line of 1120 Sterling Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 1120 Sterling Place, easterly along the southern property lines of 1134-1134A, 1136-1136A, and 1138-1138A Sterling Place, southerly along the western property lines of 36-36A to 48-48A Hampton Place, easterly along the southern property line of 48-48A Hampton Place, northerly along the western curblineline of Hampton Place to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending westerly from the southern property line of 41-41A Hampton Place, easterly across Hampton Place and along the southern property line of 41-41A Hampton Place, northerly along the eastern property lines of 41-41A Hampton Place to 33-33A Hampton Place, easterly along the southern property lines of 1156 to 1180 Sterling Place, northerly along the eastern property line of 1180 Sterling Place and across Sterling Place to the northern curblineline of Sterling Place, easterly along the northern curblineline of Sterling Place, across Albany Avenue, and continuing along the northern curblineline of Sterling Place, northerly along the eastern property lines of 253 Albany Avenue (aka 1201 Sterling Place) to 227 Albany Avenue (aka 1170 Park Place) to the southern curblineline of Park Place, westerly along the southern curblineline of Park Place and across Albany Avenue to the southwest corner of Albany Avenue and Park Place, northerly across Park Place and along the western curblineline of Albany Avenue, westerly along the southern curblineline of Prospect Place to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending southerly from the eastern lot line of 1111 Prospect Place, northerly across Prospect Place and along the eastern property line of 1111 Prospect Place, easterly along the southern property lines of 970 and 974 St. Mark's Avenue, northerly along the eastern property line of 974 St. Mark's Avenue, easterly along the southern property lines of 976 to 982 St. Mark's Avenue, northerly along the eastern property line of 982 St. Mark's Avenue, easterly along the southern curblineline of St. Mark's Avenue to the southwest corner of St. Mark's Avenue and Albany Avenue, northerly across St. Mark's Avenue to the northwest corner of St. Mark's Avenue and Albany Avenue, westerly along the northern curblineline of St. Mark's Avenue, northerly along the eastern property line of 947 St. Mark's Avenue, easterly along the southern property lines of 1352 to 1358 Bergen Street, northerly along the

eastern property line of 1358 Bergen Street, across Bergen Street, and along the eastern property lines of 1357 Bergen Street and 1470 Dean Street, westerly along the southern curblineline of Dean Street to the point formed by its intersection with a line extending southward from the eastern property line of 1465 Dean Street, northerly across Dean Street and along the eastern property line of 1465 Dean Street, westerly along the northern property line of 1465 Dean Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1506 Pacific Street and across Pacific Street to the northern curblineline of Pacific Street, easterly along the northern curblineline of Pacific Street, northerly along the eastern property line of 1559 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1559 to 1515 Pacific Street, southerly along the western property line of 1515 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property line of 1513 Pacific Street, southerly along the western property line of 1513 Pacific Street, westerly along the northern property lines of 1509 to 1505 Pacific Street, and southerly along the eastern curblineline of Kingston Avenue to the point of beginning, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 8.

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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 March 24, 2015, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) designated the Crown Heights North Historic District III (List 479, LP-2489). The District encompasses approximately 600 buildings including single- and two-family row houses, flats buildings, and apartment houses primarily built within the Crown Heights North neighborhood of Community District 8, Brooklyn. The Crown Heights North III Historic District is contiguous to the eastern boundaries of the Crown Heights North Historic District and the Crown Heights North Historic District II. The Crown Heights North Historic District, designated in 2007, and Crown Heights North II Historic District, designated in 2011, contain a total of more than 1,000 buildings.

The Crown Heights North III Historic District is generally bounded by Atlantic Avenue to the north, Eastern Parkway to the south, Brooklyn Avenue and Kingston Avenue to the west, and Albany Avenue to the east. The Historic District is predominately zoned R6, with C1-3 and C2-3 commercial overlay districts located on parts of Kingston and Albany avenues. R6 zoning districts permits residential and community facility uses and C1-3 and C2-3 districts permit ground-level commercial uses.

Once occupied by the Lenape people, most of the land within the Crown Heights North III Historic District was once farmland located southeast of the old village of Bedford Corners. Most of the farms were sold in the 1830s and 1850s as horsecar lines and other transportation links were extended into the area. The district's earliest surviving row houses were constructed around 1870, at 1472 to 1476 Pacific Street, in an unusual combination of the Italianate and Neo-Grec styles. Development accelerated slightly following the 1883 opening of the Brooklyn Bridge.

According to the LPC report, the Crown Heights North Historic District III contains buildings and other improvements characterized with a special historical and aesthetic value. The buildings, built primarily from the from the 1870s to the 1930s are excellent, well-preserved examples of the architectural styles that flourished in Brooklyn during this period, including the Neo-Grec, Queen Anne, Romanesque Revival, Renaissance Revival, Beaux Arts, Colonial Revival, Arts and Crafts, and Art Deco styles. The district includes one of Brooklyn's great houses of worship, the former Shaari Zedek Synagogue at the southeast corner of Kingston Avenue and Park Place. It also includes the city's earliest, most extensive, and most stylistically diverse collection of "Kinko" houses, two-family duplexes that enjoyed a brief period of popularity in Brooklyn from 1905 to about 1913.

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

Pursuant to Section 3020.8(a) of the City Charter, on April 9, 2015, the City Planning Commission advertised April 22, 2015 for a public hearing. The hearing was duly held on April 22, 2015 (Calendar No. 15). There were no speakers and the hearing was closed.

#### **CONSIDERATION**

The City Planning Commission has evaluated the Crown Heights North III 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.

**CARL WEISBROD**, Chairman

**KENNETH J. KNUCKLES, ESQ.**, Vice Chairman

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