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**STATEMENT FROM CITY PLANNING COMMISSIONER AMANDA M. BURDEN ON CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF
FOUR CITY PLANNING REZONINGS**

October 31, 2007 - "Mayor Bloomberg has made preserving our lower density neighborhoods and channeling development to areas that already have transportation networks in place a critical objective. The four City Planning rezoning proposals approved by the City Council this week for the Queens neighborhoods of [Forest Hills](#), [St. Albans/Hollis](#), [Jamaica](#) and the Brooklyn neighborhood of [Bedford-Stuyvesant](#) embrace the Mayor's PlaNYC sustainable planning goals."

"Since 2002, City Planning has spearheaded 78 carefully crafted rezonings covering nearly 6,000 blocks protecting the essential character of our residential neighborhoods, while providing for key corridors of mixed-use development and new housing opportunity where the existing infrastructure can support it."

"Today's rezonings have benefited from tremendous partnerships with Speaker Quinn, Council Land Use Chair Melinda Katz, Council Members Leroy Comrie and Al Vann and the tireless work of local community organizations. We are privileged to have worked together to fulfill sustainable planning goals and protect the qualities of each borough's neighborhoods."

Department of City Planning

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