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Dear

Community Board 9 is pleased to submit, on behalf of the residents of Community District 9, this request calling on the Department of City Planning to immediately begin a Planning Study of the following geographic area in Community District 9, Brooklyn:

- South side of Eastern Parkway to the North side of Clarkson Avenue;
- East side of New York Avenue to the west side of Flatbush Avenue/Ocean Avenue

We request that the Planning Study look not only at rezoning in our district; but also consider the concomitant need for improved infrastructure that will support improved service delivery to the residents of Community District 9. Specific considerations should be given to improved sanitation, sewer disposal and water delivery; improved transportation access/safety; expansion of open space to meet the needs of a large underserved youth population; improved/expanded school buildings to correct the severe lack of gymnasiums, computer rooms, music rooms, libraries, that our children currently endure.

Community Board 9 requests that the Planning Study be conducted in collaboration with the community to ensure transparency and widespread input, and that discussions in the planning stages be focused on finding solutions that will address the concerns expressed by the community for the following:

- Building and maintaining permanent affordable housing;
- Building and maintaining low income housing;
- Building of housing for senior citizens;
- Protecting existing tenants from displacement;
- Creating specific height limits for all new buildings to blend with surrounding structures;
- Ensuring that all new buildings be contextual;
- Maintaining the aesthetically pleasing character of the district;
- Ensuring that new residential development be appropriate for an already dense district;
- Completing a thorough environmental impact study.

Community Board 9 strongly believes that the Department of City Planning is distinctly qualified to conduct this study on the community's behalf. We have full faith and confidence that together with our elected officials and a fully engaged community, we will emerge from this exercise a stronger more cohesive community.

We await your response.

Respectfully,