Dear DCP

On behalf of the residents of Community District 9, Community Board 9 is requesting that the Department of City Planning immediately begin a study of the following geographic area:

- 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
- Crown and Carroll Streets from new York to Kingston Avenues

Preserving the existing character of the neighborhood by ensuring all new buildings are kept within specific height limits (including bulkheads,) and that they are contextual. Allowing a modest incremental expansion of the homes on Crown and Carroll Streets, contextually with the surrounding homes.

The study must take into consideration the need for improved service delivery to the community. With special considerations given to improved transportation, sanitation, water delivery and sewer disposal, parking, expansion of open spaces to meet the needs of our large underserved youth population; improved/expanded school buildings to correct the severe lack of gymnasiums, computer rooms, music rooms, libraries that is needed for our children. To this end we are requesting a thorough environmental impact study.

Consider the density of the area when proposing additional housing. We are requesting a set aside of 50% of all affordable housing units (at location) for low income residents, 30% for moderate, and 20% for higher income residents, to enable them to remain in their neighborhood. Senior citizen housing should be a priority.

Consideration should be given to the best use of the commercial corridors and this should be done in collaboration with the community.

Ensure that recommendations submitted by community sponsored planners (within a reasonable time) are considered as part of the process.

We at Community Board 9 are confident that we could collaboratively work together with the Department of City Planning to successfully achieve what’s in the best interest of the community. This can be accomplished with discussion and dialogue with the community input throughout the process making it a truly cooperative experience.

Respectfully yours

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