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Robert Tierney
Chairman, Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Greetings Chairman Tierney,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to you regarding an historic and unique part of my district, the neighborhood of Prospect Heights.

Prospect Heights is filled with gorgeous brownstones that are synonymous with Brooklyn. There is no other part of my district, or of Brooklyn I'd venture, that has such diversity both in the make up of its residents and in the character of the streetscape. If you walk along Carlton Avenue, or Prospect Place, or a number of other streets in the area, you will see row-houses, storefront restaurants and churches, parks, and small businesses. As I understand it, the venerable Municipal Arts Society, along with dozens of community preservationists, has submitted a list of over 900 buildings that make Prospect Heights a rare, historically and architecturally significant neighborhood. I believe that upon studying these buildings, you will see why this part of Brooklyn is worthy of your serious consideration.

I ask that you and your Commission move to designate this area as a landmarks district as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Letitia James".

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Member of the City Council