



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ERIC L. ADAMS
President

May 14, 2015

Mr. Carl Weisbrod
Director
Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

At its stated meeting on May 5, 2015, the Brooklyn Borough Board (“Borough Board”) adopted the enclosed resolution by a vote of 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention, for the Special Regulations for Neighborhood Recovery Zoning Text Amendment.

I applaud the Department of City Planning (DCP) for promptly developing this text amendment, which would remove impediments to the construction and retrofitting of buildings in the revised flood zones where documentation is lacking.

While this undertaking was very thorough, the Borough Board believes that the proposed text amendment should be modified to also be applicable to the Manhattan Beach neighborhood through modification from the City Planning Commission and City Council.

Finally, while the proposal addresses the zoning considerations to rebuild or elevate homes for flood resiliency, the Borough Board believes the Administration and City Council should take steps to sufficiently minimize the financial burden for those property owners for whom the additional cost of mandatory flood insurance or alternative refinancing or secondary mortgage to fund the rebuilding or elevating of their homes would result in commitment of more than 30 percent of their household income to housing costs.

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If you have any questions, your office may contact Mr. Richard Bearak, my director of Land Use, at (718) 802-4057. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Eric L. Adams

Brooklyn Borough President

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cc: Members of the Brooklyn Borough Board
Winston Von Engel, Brooklyn Office Director, Department of City Planning
Ms. Beth Lebowitz, Director, Zoning Division, Department of City Planning



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RESOLUTION OF BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD

May 5, 2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the **BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD** recommends approval of the Department of City Planning Application 150302ZRY – Special Regulations for Neighborhood Recovery Text Amendment, with the condition that:

Zoning Resolution Section 64-A80, Neighborhood Recovery Area Maps of Appendix A: Special Regulations for Neighborhood Recovery be amended to modify Map 2: Neighborhood Recovery Areas in Brooklyn Community Districts 13 and 15, to include the neighborhood of Manhattan Beach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration and City Council, in order to assist those households for whom the additional cost of mandatory flood insurance or alternative refinancing or secondary mortgages to fund the rebuilding or elevating of their homes would result in commitment of more than 30% of the household income to housing costs, by including for the provision of financial assistance for homeowners to make such improvements through offerings such as low-cost loans, real estate tax abatements or exemptions, or other financial mechanisms.

Approved 11-0-0.
May 5, 2015.