



**Brooklyn Borough President  
Recommendation**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Return this completed form with any attachments to the Calendar Information Office, City Planning Commission, Room 2E at the above address.
2. Send one copy with any attachments to the applicant's representatives as indicated on the Notice of Certification.

APPLICATION # 080492 HAK Common Ground Senior Housing

In the matter of an application submitted by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development pursuant to a) Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for the designation of property located at 1501 - 1505 St. Marks Avenue as an Urban Development Action Area and an Urban Development Action Area Project for such area; and b) Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property to a developer selected by HPD to facilitate development of a residential building, tentatively known as Common Ground Senior Housing, with approximately 71 units, to be developed under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 Supportive Housing Program for the Elderly.

COMMUNITY DISTRICT NO. 16 BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

**RECOMMENDATION**

- APPROVE
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS
- DISAPPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS
- DISAPPROVE

**EXPLANATION OF RECOMMENDATION – MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS**

The borough president supports projects that increase the supply of affordable housing for the growing number of elderly residents of Brooklyn. Unfortunately, many seniors continue to live in substandard accommodations and/or are forced to spend an excessive amount of their income on their housing. The inadequacy of decent housing options needs to be addressed through the production of quality housing. The borough president commends the Department of Housing Preservation and Development and Common Ground for their efforts to provide such housing. He further acknowledges the uniqueness of this development's inclusion of formerly homeless elderly as a percentage of the occupants of this residence. Finally, the borough president praises the Department of Housing Preservation and Development and Common Ground in their efforts to incorporate energy-efficient building design features into this project.

Be it resolved that the Brooklyn Borough President, pursuant to section 197-c of the New York City Charter, recommends the approval of this application by the City Planning Commission and City Council.



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BOROUGH PRESIDENT

August 15, 2008

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