

Brooklyn Borough President Recommendation

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APPLICATION #: 110250 HAK

Truxton Residence

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 21 Truxton Street as an Urban Development Action Area; and an Urban Development Action Area for such area; and, b) Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property to a developer to be selected by HPD to facilitate development of a five-story building with approximately 48 rental studio units, to be developed under the Department of Housing Preservation and Development's Supportive Housing Loan Program.

COMMUNITY DISTRICT NO.

16

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

RECOMMENDATION

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CONSIDERATION

The proposed Truxton Residence will provide supportive permanent housing opportunities for those who are formerly homeless and are of low income. It will provide on-site supportive and referral services to assist residents of the building with disabilities and other special needs, to integrate into the community.

Community Board 16 (CB 16) conditionally approved the application on April 26, 2011. The condition made was for priority to be given to community residents for the low-income housing and to formerly homeless residents for the proposed units to be built to house the homeless population. CB 16 also requested that adequate notification of any job opportunities related to this project be given to the residents within the community.

The borough president supports the disposition of city property that increases the supply of affordable housing options for Brooklyn residents. There is a great demand for affordable housing in Brooklyn, especially among the low-income population. Along with this demand, the borough president believes that there is a need for supportive housing options for individuals that are circumstantially homeless.

The Truxton Residence demonstrates the appropriate way in which to handle the need through permanent housing with supportive services for the homeless. It has been clearly demonstrated that the most cost effective means to address the needs of the formerly homeless is to provide permanent, supportive housing. Unfortunately, there are several projects nearby in CD 16, CD 3, CD 8, and CD 5 attempting to address homelessness through transitional units that require no community or City

review and are often not in the community's best interest. The borough president supports addressing homelessness primarily through increasing the supply of permanent supportive housing opportunities such as this application.

RECOMMENDATION

Be it resolved that the Borough President of Brooklyn, pursuant to section 197-c of the New York City Charter, recommends that the City Planning Commission and City Council approve the UDAAP designation and disposition of city-owned land for the proposed Truxton Residence application.



BOROUGH PRESIDENT

May 26, 2011

DATE