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Good afternoon,

Below is a Dropbox link for the testimony from La'Shawn Allen Muhammad, the Executive Director of the Central Brooklyn EDC. Her testimony is also transcribed below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/krs7e1v8stac56rx0biyh/VIDEO-2023-10-16-23-19-25.mp4?rlkey=tjerslwsikmqzb3qct4vwscq3&dl=0>

**La'Shawn Allen Muhammad's Testimony:**

Greetings, my name is La'Shawn Allen Muhammad, Executive Director of Central Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation. I am here today on behalf of our Board of Directors to share our enthusiastic support for the Osborn Belmont Properties project.

CBEDC understands that affordable housing is a critical component of community development. Quality affordable housing is not just a basic necessity, it is a foundation upon which communities can thrive. This project, in particular, would greatly benefit the community because it is based on a commercial corridor. When you have a vibrant commercial corridor it is not just a place to shop or dine, it is a hub for economic activity. It's a place where businesses thrive and job opportunities are created. It's where community comes together to celebrate, connect and grow.

This project is truly unique because it brings together the best of both worlds. Not only will it offer much needed affordable housing for our residents, including young professionals and families, but it also provides approximately 33,000 additional square feet of commercial space, creating many opportunities for our local entrepreneurs.

At CBEDC we believe in growing community wealth by creating opportunities for local entrepreneurs to open new businesses. We want to see the dreams of our local entrepreneurs become a reality. And the Osborn Belmont Properties project aligns perfectly with that vision.

On behalf of our dedicated Board of Directors I am thrilled to announce our full support of the Osborn Belmont Properties project. We look forward to working hand in hand with the development team to make this vision a reality. This project represents an exciting step forward in

our journey towards a stronger, more prosperous Brownsville.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to the growth and prosperity of our beloved community.

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Dr. Kim Best tried to give her public testimony. She had a difficult time getting on. She wanted this stated for the record. Dr. Best is a community leader and is a chaplain across the city. She deals with the communities of Central Brooklyn including Brownsville and East New York.

Yesterday I tried to get on several times. The system would not allow me ... My statement is as follows: "I am in support of the Belmont project for Rezoning and affordable housing in the Brownsville community. As a Faith based leader and community advocate for the community for over 50 years we need this project to service the underprivileged and this community...."

Dr. Kim Best  
Faith Leader