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SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND CONCESSIONS

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250 Broadway - 16<sup>th</sup> Fl.

B E F O R E:  
STEPHEN T. LEVIN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Charles Barron  
Inez E. Dickens  
Albert Vann  
Larry B. Seabrook  
Diana Reyna  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Mark S. Weprin  
Peter A. Koo  
Inez E. Dickens

CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Good morning.

Welcome to the Subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions and Concessions. I'm Council Member Steve Levin, chair of the Subcommittee. Today we are joined by members of the Subcommittee Peter Koo of Queens and Charles Barron of Brooklyn. We're also joined by Council Member Al Vann of Brooklyn, Council Member Diana Reyna of Brooklyn as well, and Council Member Larry Seabrook of the Bronx and Council Member Vinny Ignizio of Staten Island and anyone else? Mark Weprin of Queens.

We are going to vote this morning on Land Use No. 296. This is Maujer, Ten Eyck, Bedford and Brooklyn Community District No. 1, Council District 34, represented by Council Member Diana Reyna, C110095 HAK. We're going to take a vote on this item. We had a hearing on it yesterday and does anyone have anything to add on this item in particular? Council Member Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: A list of thank yous. I wanted to just thank you, Mr. Chair, first of all for your indulgence in making sure that we were able to finalize some of these details. I want to just reference 2005

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2 Greenpoint-Williamsburg re-zoning, a list of  
3 points of agreement that were supposed to be  
4 accomplished throughout the course of a decade and  
5 we're mid-way through and affordable housing is  
6 precious--the development of new construction and  
7 preservation in Williamsburg and Greenpoint.

8 Representing the south side of this community, I  
9 wanted to just express my gratitude in making sure  
10 that the most vulnerable of families that are  
11 being displaced are going to be receiving some  
12 hope that there is going to be in the next 18  
13 months a few more units that will accommodate so  
14 many of the families that are being harassed and  
15 can't afford their particular unit because of the  
16 pressures of the market. Clearly, we started out  
17 this project with conversations by--HPD convened  
18 with the developer and I am happy to say that the  
19 project has been turned around so that today we  
20 are voting in favor of it. We have at a Bedford  
21 site, Ten Eyck and Maujer Street, lots that will  
22 be converted into affordable housing at 100% in  
23 perpetuity that will guarantee at minimum 52 units  
24 of which 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom  
25 compositions accommodating primarily families,

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2 which is where the greatest need is--families that  
3 are earning up to 60% of AMI.

4 And I wanted to just thank a host  
5 of individuals, starting with the staff of the  
6 Land Use Committee, Carol and Amy, Gil Benjamin  
7 [phonetic] who leads this great team, and I wanted  
8 to just thank the great work of HPD, Carol Clark,  
9 who could have lost her mind throughout all these  
10 days and didn't, and she's very gracious in having  
11 entertained so much. I want to thank Susan, Mike  
12 from the Mayor's office, Jack Hammer from HPD,  
13 Wendell Walters, Beatriz de la Torre, the  
14 developer Raymond Yu, who we will continue to  
15 speak to to bring to the table to make sure that  
16 this project is a success at the day of its ribbon  
17 cutting. But I am happy to have worked with all  
18 of these individuals, especially with my staff,  
19 who just made sure that we continued these  
20 discussions in a very fruitful way. So today I  
21 happily ask for a supportive vote of this project.  
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Thank you,  
24 Council Member Reyna. We've also been joined by  
25 Council Member Inez Dickens of Manhattan--right in

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2 time and as Chair, I'm going to recommend an aye  
3 vote on this item, and I'm going to as Carol  
4 Shine, counsel to the Committee, to call the roll.

5 CAROL SHINE: Chair Levin?

6 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Aye.

7 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

8 Barron?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

10 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

11 Dickens?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

13 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Koo?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

15 CAROL SHINE: By vote of four in  
16 the affirmative, none in the negative and no  
17 abstentions, L.U. 296 is approved and referred to  
18 the full committee.

19 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: We're going to  
20 leave the roll open for 5 minutes and after that,  
21 we'll be closing it out. This hearing is closed.

22 [gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature

*Kimberley Uhlig*

Date April 12, 2011