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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE N.Y.C. LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF THE CROWN HEIGHTS NORTH PHASE III HISTORIC DISTRICT IN BROOKLYN

Good morning, Chair Tierney and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of The New York Landmarks Conservancy.

The Conservancy strongly supports the designation of the third phase of the Crown Heights North Historic District. We are pleased to join with neighbors, public officials, preservationists, and the dedicated advocates of the Crown Heights North Association, in doing so.

This section of Crown Heights North is an impressive collection of buildings that forms attractive streetscapes and creates a vivid sense of place, deserving of the protection of the Landmarks Law. The late 19th and early 20th century row houses, apartments and institutions that comprise the District, many in the Renaissance Revival style, feature elaborate stonework, a mosaic of materials, and artful decorative elements. We are fortunate that many of the buildings are so little changed.

The Conservancy knows Crown Heights North first-hand. Our Historic Properties Fund has made many site visits and several loans to buildings in the larger National Register District. We've appeared at numerous community meetings. And when our Sacred Sites program surveyed the former synagogue buildings of Brooklyn the program director called The Church of God in Christ at Park and Kingston the finest such property in the borough.

We look forward to continuing to work with owners and residents in the District. And we would like to commend the Commission for recognizing the remarkable architecture found across Crown Heights North. Thank you for the opportunity to present The Landmarks Conservancy's views.