

**THE NEW YORK  
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**STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF 1090 GREENE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, THE JOHN AND HANNAH M. DE COUDRES HOUSE, AS AN INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK**

Good morning Chair Tierney and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Conservancy is pleased to support designation of 1090 Greene Avenue, the De Coudres House.

This wood frame structure originally from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century with later alterations and additions recalls an earlier era in Bushwick. While many houses of this height and scale remain, none in the vicinity maintains this level of integrity with substantial original materials and decorative elements, including neo-Grec incised wood window surrounds, an elaborate cornice, and the historic wood window configuration.

The house also has interesting connections to New York's commercial history, as the home of John De Coudres, whose family operated a significant brass foundry, and later, Henry Bohack, the head of a well-known grocery store chain.

Much of Bushwick's architectural heritage has been lost. We thank the Commission for bringing forward this building and several others this year, which tell the story of this section of Brooklyn.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Conservancy's views.