

**THE NEW YORK
LANDMARKS
CONSERVANCY**

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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 PERRY AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT IN THE
BRONX**

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

The Conservancy strongly supports the historic district designation before you today. We are pleased to join with homeowners, neighbors, public officials, and preservationists in doing so.

The nine houses that comprise this district form an unusually cohesive, and picturesque area that recalls New York City's early 20th century outer-borough development, as improved infrastructure and transportation in areas such as Bedford Park combined with overcrowding in Manhattan lured residents north to the Bronx. In an area dominated by low-rise apartment buildings, this intact row of attached and free-standing houses featuring charming Queen Anne style details, meets the "sense of place" test fundamental to the designation of an historic district. It also clearly merits the protection of the Landmarks Law and the review and guidance of any proposed changes to the fabric.

The Conservancy hopes that designation of this District will be followed by designation of the 50 or so other neighborhoods that have requested it, less the ones you will be addressing later today. We are pleased to support designation of this district, and looks forward to providing its residents assistance from our Technical Services Center and Historic Properties Fund.

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