

**THE NEW YORK
LANDMARKS
CONSERVANCY**

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Ross J. Holden
Executive Vice President and General Counsel
School Construction Authority
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement
4302 4th Avenue, Brooklyn (Block 728, Lot 36)
68th Police Precinct Station House and Stable Buildings

Dear Mr. Holden,

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has reviewed the DEIS for the new PS 557, at the site of the Sunset Park Police Precinct, and wish to comment on the proposal's impact on historic resources, namely the demolition of substantial sections of this landmark. We appreciate that Option RS2F attempts to mitigate the impact by incorporating sections of the façade into the new building, but we still have concerns about this outcome.

The Sunset Park Police Precinct is unique. There are only three locally-designated individual landmarks in this area, a very low number compared with other neighborhoods across the City and in Brooklyn. As the Landmarks Commission's designation report states, the 1886 Romanesque Revival-style Station House and Stable are "rare surviving 19th-century Brooklyn police precinct structures."

It is unfortunate that a series of owners have left the buildings in such poor condition. In fact, we caution that great care must be taken with the fragile historic fabric that does remain, so that it is not lost during demolition, excavation, or new construction.

We recognize the compelling goal of adding school seats in Community School District 15; however, this tremendous need for seats points out the need for comprehensive planning, instead of a piecemeal approach that will severely diminish this iconic local landmark.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Peg Breen
President