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The Honorable Robert Tierney Chair Landmarks Preservation Commission 1 Centre Street New York, New York 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney,

I hope this letter reaches to find you in the best of health and spirits. I am writing to express my support for the proposal as submitted to the Commission by the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council and the Municipal Art Society for the establishment of a Prospect Heights Historic District. I would like to commend you and your offices for its decision to hold a public hearing on October 28th, 2008. This is an important step towards the designation of this unique and very special Central Brooklyn community.

I am encouraged by the fact that the initiative and drive for historic district designation is an outgrowth of a community survey of the neighborhood's buildings and streetscapes. It is truly inspiring to know that over twenty members of the Prospect Heights community surveyed and photographed roughly 1,100 buildings in the area. In the end, the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council and the Municipal Art Society developed a list of more than 900 buildings that contribute to the character of the district. Community Board 8 has passed a resolution supporting the work of The Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council in advocating for historic district designation and I join them with enthusiastic support for this designation.

I respectfully request your most favorable consideration of the landmark designation for the specified area as proposed in the proposal for a Prospect Heights Historic District. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my District Representative, Ron Thomas, at (718) 287-1142 or via e-mail at Ron.Thomas@mail.house.gov

Thanks once again for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Yvette D. Clarke Member of Congress