

# EXCERPTS FROM COMMUNITY BOARDS' "STATEMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET" FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Reactions to Agency Responses listed in the FY '16 Register of Community Board Budget Requests are collectively listed under Agency Subheading

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## Landmarks Preservation

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### **BROOKLYN 9**

The Landmarks Preservation Commission plays an important role in preserving the city's architectural, historical, and cultural heritage. There are many historical landmarks and buildings in the city in need of preservation. An increase in funding will allow the Commission to provide more landmarks survey teams, expedite the approval process and increase the number of properties and places designated as landmarks. We call on the Mayor and City Council to consider the importance of this agency's work in the City and provide adequate funding.

### **BROOKLYN 14**

There are three historic districts, several landmarked buildings and a number of neighborhoods applying for landmark designation within Community District 14. The board reiterates the request to increase funding for initiatives in CD 14.

### **MANHATTAN 4**

#### **Ask:**

- **Increase LPC budget to provide adequate staffing to address the current backlog.**

The Preliminary Budget request for the Landmarks Preservation Commission includes funding at a level comparable to last year's request but does not include the additional funds added by the Council. These funds have enabled the Research Staff and the Commission to begin sorting through and clearing up the backlog, accumulated over many years, of requests for designation of buildings and districts that deserve preservation. This funding level should become the baseline in the future in order to provide a balance between the current extraordinary pressures for development and the need for preservation of valuable historic resources in many areas of the city, among them West Chelsea and Clinton. The backlog has put many historic sites at risk with the recent de-calendaring of multiple sites including several within our district. The demolition of the Frank Lloyd Wright Park Avenue Auto Showroom in 2013 is a prime example of how the lack of funding for LPC puts New York City's history at risk.

## **MANHATTAN 5**

305200802E—With only two new landmark designations in Manhattan in 2014, LPC needs significantly more resources to study and designate worthy buildings and interiors.

## **MANHATTAN 6**

Manhattan Community Board Six reaffirms the request for sufficient staffing to ensure appropriate enforcement in the six designated historic districts within the District.

E-14: 306200519E – Increase staff for Landmarks Preservation