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### CB17 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES

RE: MONTHLY PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, March 19TH, 2025

#### Land Use/Rezoning

1) Our Land Use/Zoning committee meeting on 3/6/25 hosted representatives from DeCostole Carting Inc., who offered more insight into their site redevelopment, and responded to public feedback. A plan is currently being developed to offer CB17, district agency officials, and members of the public an opportunity to tour the property starting the end of March through April. An email will go out when dates are confirmed.

2) Chair Afreh and Chair Wilkerson has begun to visit and network with neighboring community boards to spearhead new collaborations for next board year. Chair Wilkerson was able to visit CB14 on 3/10. CB14 says hello!

#### Housing and Block Association

1) See attached

#### Youth & Education

- No Report Submitted for March 2025

#### Housing & Block Associations

- No Report Submitted for March 2025

#### Parks & Beautification

- No Report Submitted for March 2025

#### Personnel

- No Report Submitted for March 2025

#### Postal Services

- No Report Submitted for March 2025

#### Sanitation & Environmental Protection

- No Report Submitted for March 2025

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## Community Board 17 Housing & Block Association Committee

Dr. Carol Reneau, Ed.D. Chair  
Sherif Fraser, District Manager  
Rodrick Daley, Chairperson

*Below is a brief update from the Housing and Block Association Committee. This update in no way encompasses everything that takes place at the monthly meeting. Kindly request a copy of the meeting minutes for a more detailed update. We encourage you to join us virtually the first Wednesday of every month to actively engage with us, join our sub committees, effect change, and receive information first hand.*

### **HOUSING MEETING UPDATE:**

The most recent meeting of the Housing/Block Association Committee was held on March 5, 2025. Our guest speakers at this meeting, Ms. Allyson Martinez and Ms. Joan Erskine from Brooklyn Level Up. They presented information on the Tax Lien sale, responded to questions and requested our community support. There are currently 1100 properties in CB-17 that are currently on the Tax Lien list. Brooklyn Level Up is currently working to reduce this list so that generational wealth will remain in communities of color. Here are the links to important information/documents that were presented at the meeting:

- [BKLVLUP 2025 Abolish the Lien Sale Coalition Presentation.](#)
- [BKLVLUP 2025 NYC Lien Sale CB17 Presentation](#)
- [BKLVLUP 2025 Lien Sale List organized by CB](#)
- [Department of Finance 2025 Lien Sale Information Website Page](#)
- BKLVLUP Lien Sale Community Flyer (attached in both png and pdf format)

**Anyone interested in supporting this important initiative can contact Brooklyn Level Up either by email at [info@bklvlup.org](mailto:info@bklvlup.org) or via phone at 917-680-6964.**

### **HOUSING AVAILABILITY**

A list of available housing was emailed out to the Community on February 28, 2025. Kindly follow the directions and steps to apply. If you did not receive this list and would like to receive it, email us directly at [housingandblockassociation@cb17.org](mailto:housingandblockassociation@cb17.org) If you need assistance with the application process, kindly reach out to one of our Community partners Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), Erasmus Neighborhood Federation (ENF), or Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) - see below.

### **LOCAL HOUSING NEWS:**

Legislature braces for N.Y. housing voucher budget fight

By Kate Lisa New York State

PUBLISHED 7:55 PM ET Feb. 04, 2025

New York lawmakers Tuesday said the state budget must fund housing vouchers that Gov. Kathy Hochul's executive proposal didn't include to help low-income families avoid homelessness.

Lawmakers have started the earliest stages of budget talks, but said they plan to pressure the governor to fund other housing programs, including the Housing Access Voucher Program, to help 20,000 low-income households avoid foreclosure or eviction.

### **WIN NYC**

WIN NYC (<https://winnyc.org/>) is a nonprofit that provides housing for formerly homeless people and family shelters. Win clients can receive housing vouchers through programs like the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, also known as Section 8.

How does the HCV program work?

- The program provides a rental subsidy to eligible low- and moderate-income families
- Families receive a voucher to help them find housing
- Families pay a portion of their rent, and NYCHA pays the rest to the landlord
- Families must meet certain requirements, such as completing annual certifications and allowing property owners to make repairs

### **APRIL MEETING**

The next Housing and Block Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2. Join us online to hear from our guest speakers Mr. Jose Velez from HUD and Ms. Ophelia Phipps from the Department of Buildings.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CB17's Housing and Block Association Committee will be collaborating with NHS for 2 upcoming events:  
**Real Estate & Property Management Conference** - Friday, May 2, 2025 from 10:00-3:00 PM at Medgar Evers College.

**Housing Resource Fair** - Saturday, Jun 7, 2025 from 10:00-3:00 PM at Brooklyn College.

### **HOUSING & RELATED SERVICES COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

List of community partners who are providing housing, tenant and immigration-related services includes the following below. An asterisk indicates that they have been a guest speaker of the Housing Committee.

**COJO Flatbush** at <https://cojoflatbush.org/> or (718) 377-2900.

\***Erasmus Neighborhood Federation (ENF)** <https://www.erasmusfederation.net/> or (718) 462-7700.

\***Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC)** at <https://www.fdconline.org/> or (718) 859-3800.

**Flatbush Tenant Coalition** at <https://flatbushpower.org> or (718) 635-2623.

\***Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS)** at [NHSBROOKLYN.ORG](https://NHSBROOKLYN.ORG) or (718) 469-4679.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS PROVIDING WALKING HOUSING-RELATED SERVICES**

Council Member Rita Joseph - 930 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, Phone: **718-287-8762**

Council Member Farah Louis - 1434 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210, Phone: **718-629-2900**

### **CB-17 CONTACTS**

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\*Presented at Community Board 17 Housing/Block Association Committee meeting.