



Greetings!

Victory on School Based Health Centers!

We scored a great victory for CEC District 15 schools this week when we learned that 4 school based health centers (SBHC) that were slated to be closed would remain open for the upcoming school year.

In June, four school clinics in District 15 – (M.S. 51 William Alexander; Brooklyn New School and Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies; P.S. 38 the Pacific School; and the School for International Studies and Digital Arts and Cinema Technology High School) received a letter from SUNY Downstate informing them that because state funding had been dramatically reduced, SUNY Downstate SBHCs were in jeopardy. SUNY Downstate later announced that they could no longer operate the SBHCs and would be closing them.

From the moment that this was brought to our attention, we began to work with my colleagues in government, especially Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon and Councilmember Brad Lander to strategize with the schools, parents, nurses and others to fight to keep these vital centers open.

We received word early this week that SUNY Downstate Medical Center, the sponsor for the four clinics had decided to keep the clinics open for the upcoming school year. **This was a tremendous victory for the community, but it never would have happened without the weeks of advocacy from the coalition of administrators, parents, community leaders, labor unions and elected officials that we were able to assemble.**

[On Wednesday, Assemblymember Simon and I hosted a press conference to announce the news.](#)



School Based Health Centers are a critical resource for our communities. I am relieved that SUNY Downstate has decided to keep these four health centers open for another year despite a cut in state funding. It is now our job as elected officials and advocates to make sure that these vital community resources receive their proper share of state funding going forward.

Testimony at the Board of Standards and Appeals Hearing on 182 Minna Street

On Tuesday, I delivered testimony at the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals hearing on the requested variance on a proposed development at 182 Minna Street in Kensington. The proposed 6 story school is far out of context and character for the low rise 1 and 2 Family home block and I am proud to oppose the project.



Fortunately, due to our opposition as well as Councilmember Lander's and many neighbors on the block, the developer has decided to withdraw this application from the calendar for the time being. It's critical that we remain vigilant in protecting the character of our neighborhoods in the 44th Assembly District, so I am pleased that our voices were heard in opposition to this out of scale project.

Please find my full testimony below:



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Hon. Margery Perlmutter, Chair
Board of Standards and Appeals
250 Broadway, 29th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Cal No.: 87-15-BZ
182 Minna Street, Brooklyn
Applicant: Law office of Jay Goldstein

Dear Chair Perlmutter,

The proposed development at 182 Minna Street should not be granted the requested variance because the building's size and use are out of context with the character of the block. Minna Street between Chester Avenue and 36th Street, where the proposed building would be built, is a low-rise residential block of 1 and 2 family homes. Putting a six story school building, no matter where the entrances or exits of such building would be would lead to both pedestrian and vehicular congestion on Minna Street and it would greatly hinder the quality of life and quiet enjoyment of the residents who currently live on the block.

Furthermore, a block so narrow and residential would become dangerous to both current residents and new students because of the inevitable traffic that would accompany such a large school. Our zoning laws have been put in place for a reason – to not only protect the residential nature of blocks, but also to make sure that other unsuitable uses do not endanger their own future occupancy or neighbors. I understand that the developer is looking to build a school and benefit members of the community that would use that school. I sympathize with the developer that it is increasingly difficult to find places to build schools in Brooklyn, but inevitably there is a better location for this school at another site. If an appropriate site is found for this school I would be more than willing to support a variance, but this location is not that site nor is it appropriate. Finally, I would like to thank the property owner for withdrawing this application and the Board of Standards and Appeals for holding this hearing.

Thank you,
Assemblymember Robert C. Carroll

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Community Art Window # 2

There is a new art installation in my District Office window! Once again, Joy Makon and the [Park Slope Windsor Terrace Artists](#) have done a terrific job producing and curating a wonderful display of beautiful art work from some of my very talented constituents.

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Please stop by to see this wonderful showcase of our local neighborhood artists: [Bernette Rudolph](#), [Bob Hagan](#), [Joyce Riley](#), [Caryn Kreitzer Lassman](#), Karen Giordano, [Nancy Carey](#), [Janie Samuels](#), [Robin Roi](#). The showcase will be on display through the beginning of October, so please do come by and check it out!

As always, if you have any community concerns or legislative ideas, please reach out to me at my district office by responding to this email or by giving us a call at [\(718\) 788-7221](tel:7187887221).

See you around the neighborhood,

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