



# BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

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### Green Fast Track Resolution

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Whereas, CB9 believes the environmental review process can be expedited in terms of how long it takes city planning to review applications, however we are concerned about the loss of review for sensitive or contentious developments. The accuracy of environmental reviews for developments such as the 2017 Franklin Avenue rezoning have been disputed, resulting in lengthy court cases. Environmental reviews provide a crucial tool for the community to understand a project's impact and raise concerns, and;

Whereas, in particular we believe that the limits stated for exemption should be calibrated to the context of the community. 250 feet tall is too high for a community like CB9 where such a project should be reviewed for shadow impacts. Most buildings in CB9 are less than 50 feet tall. Projects contiguous with the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens should also be reviewed for shadow impact even though the BBG is not a public park, and;

Whereas, We are concerned that this exemption would give incentives to developers to understate the number of units to evade environmental review and later increase them, or split projects into smaller projects that fall under the project limits. CB9 believes that instead we need cumulative environmental review for all projects within a certain radius, whether they are Type 1 or Type 2 projects. In fact, we call on the city council to pass legislation requiring comprehensive environmental reviews for all new developments, both as of right or via rezoning, anytime there has been a 5% or greater increase in the number of housing units or a 10% or greater increase in population within a community district within a decade.

It Is Hereby Resolved, that CB9 calls on the Department of City Planning to share with the public and this community board, the data and studies of 1000 environmental applications over the past decade that they are using in support of the Green Fast Track amendment to eliminate environmental reviews for certain projects.

**ADOPTED: January 23, 2024**