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Dear BHA Member,

Few if any neighborhoods can compare to Brooklyn Heights. It is difficult to imagine living anywhere else.

The Brooklyn Heights we know and cherish, however, did not just happen. It took a Brooklyn Heights Association to preserve and maintain its enviable qualities in our fast changing city.

While the BHA cannot be a bulwark against all change, it has been and will continue to be a forceful advocate for the Heights and for you: to shape City policies, to speak out for more sensible planning and mitigation measures, and whenever possible, to ensure that the neighborhood benefits from any change.

The Heights faces many challenges today. The most important of them are:

- Our neighborhood school, PS8, continues to be over capacity, while the residential conversion of the Watchtower properties and new developments on our fringes will severely exacerbate its overcrowding.
- The development of the LICH site and the programmed reconstruction of the BQE will be disruptive and add to our growing traffic woes.
- The completion of work on key parcels in Brooklyn Bridge Park will draw even larger crowds to our streets.

We are most grateful for your past support, but we need your generous help now to enable the BHA to shape and manage these challenges and preserve what is best about our neighborhood.

We have made a positive difference for the Heights in recent months by:

- Sponsoring a well-received panel on the BQX Streetcar project that raised many concerns about the reliability, feasibility, and even wisdom of this project.
- Assuming a leading role among neighborhoods to advocate in Albany for legislation to shorten the construction of the BQE Rehabilitation Project and save money.
- Pursuing, at great expense, legal action to halt two unnecessary high rise towers on Pier 6.
- Ensuring greater safety for south Heights residents by securing funds for cameras on Joralemon Street in the wake of several unsettling incidents.

- Continuing to press the Department of Transportation to protect the safety of both pedestrians and motorists on our local streets.

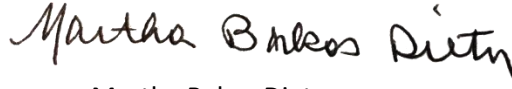
The BHA is a committed and vital advocate on these issues, as well as on other concerns that affect your daily experience in the neighborhood. By reaching out to our local elected officials and to City and State agencies, and by enlisting the cooperation of other neighborhood organizations, the BHA gets things done.

You count on the BHA to be your voice and advocate always. Can we count on your generous support now?

Sincerely,



Peter L. Bray
Executive Director



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President

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