

# BEDC launches study of business activity in Ocean Hill/Brownsville

BROOKLYN, NY —Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) is launching a study of the business community in the Ocean Hill section of Brownsville, Brooklyn, to determine the retail needs of local residents and identify the types of businesses operating there, Joan Bartolomeo, BEDC president, has announced.

This month, BEDC will begin mailing surveys to residents and retail businesses in an area bordered by Fulton St., Rockaway Ave., Eastern Parkway Extension and Buffalo Ave. Graduate students from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service are working with BEDC as consultants on the project and will help analyze the results of the surveys and identify demographic trends in the neighborhood.

"BEDC became aware of the enormous potential for business development in Brownsville when we partnered with Michael's Development Corporation, the designated developer for the rebuilding of the Prospect Plaza housing development under the Hope VI Program," Ms. Bartolomeo said. "As BEDC researched the potential for retail and commercial development on that site, we were impressed by the number of new housing units being built in the area. It seemed logical that these new homeowners would want someplace to shop and find services — that spurred BEDC to look at the bigger picture in Brownsville, exploring wider opportunities for business development in the community."

Surveys will be mailed to about 600 businesses surrounding the Prospect Plaza complex, which is bordered by Saratoga Ave., Park Place, Howard Ave., and Sterling Place, asking whether the business is retail or service; the number of years it's been in operation; number of employees; types of employees needed at the business; current obstacles; and financial

information about local spending habits, services used, and the types of stores or businesses shoppers would like to see in the area. "Although for many years Brownsville was characterized by housing abandonment and high crime, the community is now in the midst of a startling revitalization, with over 1,000 units of new, market rate housing coming on line since 2000 and many more in the pipeline," said Margaret Nelson, director of real estate for BEDC. "New residential development has increased the neighborhood's population and additional retail services are needed to serve the influx of new residents."

Last year, the Settlement Housing Fund sold to homeowners 37 new affordable townhouses it had developed at Dean St. and Saratoga Ave., and vacant lots that had languished for years in the City's Housing Preservation and Development portfolio have been sold to non-profit and private developers who have built or plan to build new market rate and affordable housing.

BEDC also is playing an active role in commercial revitalization efforts on 15 blocks of Nostrand Ave. in East Flatbush by conducting similar business and residential surveys to determine the types of businesses residents and local employees would like to see in the neighborhood. The goal of that project is to increase business activity and attract shoppers to stores on Nostrand Ave.

BEDC, a private, non-profit organization, was established in 1979 to stimulate Brooklyn's economy and create job opportunities for the borough and its residents. BEDC has evolved into a multi-service, business consulting agency, serving more than 1,000 clients annually and offering comprehensive economic development services. More infor-

## LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE CITATION File no. 3028-2004 SURROGATE'S COURT - KINGS COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK by the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: CARL JACKSON, any and all unknown persons whose names or parts of whose names, and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of said FLORENCE ALEXANDER a/k/a FLORENCE ADVIRA JACKSON ALEXANDER, a/k/a FLORENCE A. ALEXANDER, deceased, and if any of the said distributees, heirs at law or next of kin of deceased, be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence and post offices addresses are unknown. A petition having been duly filed by AVIS LANGSTON, who is domiciled at 83 SOMERS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on May 2, 2006, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Florence Advira Jackson Alexander, a/k/a Florence A. Alexander, A/k/a Florence Alexander lately domiciled at 1655 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210 admitting to probate a Will dated 5/1/2002 as the Will of FLORENCE ADVIRA JACKSON.

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es in the sum of \$8,059.00 be allowed; (v) that the Surrogate approve the reasonable amount of compensation as reported on Schedules C and C-1 in the amount of \$8,343.00 and such other fees which may be sought in accordance with the Guidelines of the Administrative Board of the Offices of the Public Administrator, by way of an amendment to the account of proceedings, to Schram & Carew, P.C., attorney for the petitioner, for legal services rendered to the Petitioner herein; (v) that petitioner be allowed commissions in the amount of \$6,575.40 and such other commissions which may be sought by an amendment to the account of proceedings and pursuant to SCPA § 1106 (3) an administration expense in the sum of \$1,898.85; (vi) that upon payment of the above referenced expenses and any other charges imposed by the Court, the net balance of the estate be distributed in equal shares to Rodric Baptiste and Richard Baptiste, whose whereabouts are presently not known, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York on their behalf; (vii) that the persons above mentioned and all necessary and proper persons be cited to show cause why such relief should not be granted; (viii) that an order be granted pursuant to SCPA § 307 where required or directed, and (ix) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Dated, Attested and Sealed. March 21, 2006 (Seal) Hon. Margarita Lopez-Torres Surrogate, Staten Island, New York on March 21, 2006

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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 4240-04 AMENDED CITATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF KINGS By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Attorney General of the State of New York Raymond Baptiste To Rodric Baptiste and Richard Baptiste, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living, and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown, and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Richard Baptiste, the decedent herein, if living and if they be dead to their next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the person interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees; or otherwise in the estate of Richard Baptiste, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 122 Ashland Place, New York, New York. A petition having been duly filed by Marietta Small, Public Administrator of the County of Kings, who maintains an office at 360 Adams Street, Room 144, Brooklyn, New York 11201. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Kings County Surrogate's Court at 2 Johnson Street, Brooklyn, New York on March 21, 2006