

The Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council

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Ms. Nizjoni Granville
Dr. Frederick Monderson
Community Board 8, Brooklyn
1291 St. Marks Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Dear Ms. Granville and Dr. Monderson:

The Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council writes to support the effort of the Crown Racks Bike project to install additional bike racks throughout Community Board 8.

Over the last several years, thanks to roadway improvements and the thriving retail strips on Vanderbilt and Washington avenues, there has been a significant increase in the number of cyclists in Prospect Heights. However, the number of bike racks has not kept up with the demand.

Cyclists visiting Prospect Heights deserve secure and convenient bike parking near their destinations. Pedestrians and residents in the neighborhood deserve streetscapes that are attractive and free of obstructions. And – as the many letters of support attest – local businesses want bike parking near their stores to attract customers.

The organizers of the Crown Racks Bike project have done extensive outreach to ensure that the proposed locations for new racks address community needs and meet DOT requirements. They have obtained letters of support from a significant number of property and businesses owners; where they have been unable to, it has not been from lack of effort. However, PHNDC believes that the DOT should conduct additional outreach before any bike racks are installed on residential streets without express permission from property owners.

Sincerely,



Danae Oratowski
Chair