

**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION  
ULURP APPLICATION NO: C 160038 PQX  
Labor Bathgate Community CCC  
September 15, 2016**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION**

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application submitted by the Administration for Children Services and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 1638 Anthony Avenue (Block 2888, Lot 21) for continued use as a child care center.

**BACKGROUND**

Approving this application will facilitate a lease renewal by the Administration for Children Services and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services on behalf of the Labor Bathgate Community CCC, (LBC). This renewal pertains to a facility located in a privately owned building located at 1638 Anthony Avenue (Block 2888, Lot21). LBC has utilized this two-story building for their child daycare programs since 1973. It operates Monday-through-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The facility where daycare services are provided includes 13,800 square feet of interior space, plus an additional 5,000 square feet of rooftop accommodations for outdoor programming and play areas. Located on the basement level is a reception area, four offices, a staff lounge and a warming pantry. Found on the street level (first floor) are two classrooms with bathrooms located in each, a fully equipped kitchen, locker room and two offices. The second floor offers space for an additional two classrooms. Youngsters attending daycare at this facility range in age from as young as six months to five years of age. LBC's total enrollment approximates 67 preschoolers.

Additional highlights of this center include:

- Breakfast, lunch and a snack each day.
- Supervised playtime featuring art, music computer skills.
- Programming designed to promote healthy emotional development, physical activity and communication skill enhancement.

A total of 28 professional and para professionals are employed at LBC.

Development of the surrounding community is typified by mid-rise residential buildings. Claremont Park, composed of 33 acres of property is located on the west side of Clay Avenue, approximately two blocks south of the daycare facility. Commercial activity and bus transportation are found on Webster Avenue, approximately two blocks east of the daycare site. There is no subway access within a four block radius of the Labor-Bathgate center.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ULURP CERTIFICATION**

This application has been reviewed pursuant to CEQR and SEQRA and received a Negative Declaration, meaning that this proposed use poses no threat to the environment. This application was certified as complete by the City Planning Commission on June 6, 2016.

## **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

Bronx Community Board #4 held a public hearing on this application on July 20, 2016. A unanimous vote recommending approval of this application was nine in favor, zero opposed and zero abstaining.

## **BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC HEARING**

The Bronx Borough President convened a public hearing on this application on July 26, 2016. Representatives of the applicant were present and spoke in favor of this application. There being no other members of the public offering testimony on this matter and the hearing was closed.

## **BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

The provision of good quality child care is an absolute essential for nearly all young families. Labor Bathgate Community CCC has forty years of experience in offering daycare programs at this Anthony Avenue location. I am pleased to recommend approval of this application.