



Rosenberg & Estis secure rezoning on behalf of Agudist Council of Greater New York

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Brooklyn, NY Rosenberg & Estis P.C. secured a rezoning on behalf of Agudist Council of Greater New York, a decades-old congregation.

The rezoning will facilitate the rehabilitation of the existing synagogue and senior center, as well as the construction of 42 apartments at 817 Ave. H in Kensington.

David Rosenberg, counsel, represented Agudist Council of Greater New York in the application to rezone the site, which it has owned and operated since 1975. “This rezoning is a model of how houses of worship and nonprofits can collaborate with communities and harness existing assets to address the City’s housing shortage,” said Rosenberg.

The rezoning was one of three recently approved by the City Council that could create more than 300 apartments in Brooklyn altogether as New York continues to grapple with a growing housing shortage. The city is currently advancing its City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal that seeks to tackle the housing crisis with various zoning changes that would make it possible to build a little bit more housing in every neighborhood.

“We are pleased to have secured another successful outcome that benefits both our client and the city as it continues to advocate for more robust housing development,” said Rosenberg. “This development will create an important revenue stream that ensures the long-term future of the synagogue, senior center and other important work of the organization, while also creating much needed, family-sized housing units.”

R+E’s award-winning land use and zoning attorneys are renowned for their work obtaining approvals for rezonings, special permits and variances from the department of city planning, board of standards and appeals and landmarks preservation commission. Rosenberg has extensive government relations experience and regularly works with community planning boards and elected officials to expeditiously guide clients through public review processes to secure project approval.

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