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### **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES DOWN ZONING OF BELLEROSE, FLORAL PARK, AND GLEN OAKS SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARK WEPRIN**

The City Council voted to authorize the rezoning of Bellerose, Floral Park and Glen Oaks. City Council Member Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) worked collectively with the community, local civic associations and the Land Use Committee of Community Board 13Q to reinforce the predominant suburban character of these Eastern Queens neighborhoods.

"This rezoning safeguards the homes in these communities and ensures that the neighborhoods are not threatened by overdevelopment," said Council Member Weprin.

The measure replaces the existing R2 zoning with the more restrictive R2A; the change was formulated in response to concerns from the community, local elected officials, local civic associations and Community Board 13Q that outdated zoning did not reflect the neighborhood character and was resulting in larger new development that was often inconsistent with the surroundings.

The plan protects residential blocks from commercial intrusion and ensures that future development will be consistent with existing building patterns. Commercial overlay zones will be narrowed from 150 feet 100 feet, and some commercial overlays will be eliminated where only residential uses exist.

"The rezoning will help maintain the residential character of this wonderful community," said Council Member Weprin.

The rezoning will replace outdated existing zoning with new lower-density and contextual districts that will more closely match area building patterns on a block-by-block basis.