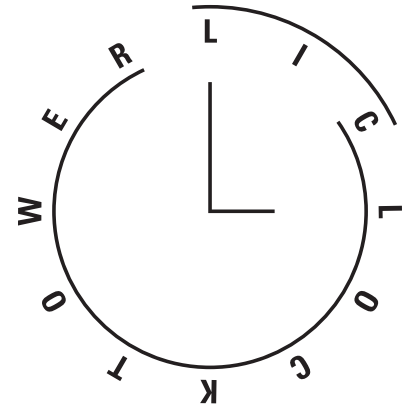


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Landmarks Preservation Commission calendars
Long Island City Clock Tower



Earlier this morning the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to calendar the Bank of Manhattan Building at 29–27 Queens Plaza North, often referred to as the Long Island City Clock Tower. The vote followed a presentation by LPC Research Department staff, who recommended the Clock Tower for calendaring. The presentation highlighted the building’s quality of construction, prominence on Queens Plaza, and connection to the Bank of Manhattan’s history. Chair Meenakshi Srinivasan referred to the “iconic” qualities of the Clock Tower and expressed support for calendaring it before bringing it to a vote, which carried unanimously. The Commission’s vote ensures that the Clock Tower will receive provisional protections under the New York City Landmarks Preservation Law (celebrating its 50th anniversary next month) until its candidacy for landmark designation is formally heard at a public hearing. The Commission anticipates that a public hearing will be scheduled in April.

+Partners is pleased with the Commission’s decision and is optimistic that the Clock Tower will be granted landmark designation following the public hearing. We have been fortunate to work on this issue for the past year, campaigning alongside a strong community of supporters and advocates, and we are continually impressed by the willingness of local organizations and leaders to commit time and energy to preserving the architectural heritage of Long Island City.

In preparation for the public hearing, we will be continuing to gather signatures for our petition, which can be found by visiting licclocktower.org. We will also be working to secure additional support, both formal and informal, from community leaders, civic associations, and local cultural institutions. We hope for, and anticipate, a strong show of support from community members at the public hearing, at which we will be offering advisory testimony to the Commission.

+Partners is happy to provide press packets and bundles of letterpressed Clock Tower bookmarks (generously provided by Wasp Print in Brooklyn) to any individual or community organization that would like to become more involved in this preservation effort. More information can be found at licclocktower.org or by emailing everyone@pluspartners.org.

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