



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Brian Kavanagh

Investigations Commissioner Responds to Request for Review of 348 Court St Building Collapse

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The City of New York Department of Investigation

On July 30, 2020, Commissioner Margaret Garnett of the Department of Investigation responded to a letter sent by Senator Kavanagh and his colleagues representing Carroll Gardens requesting an investigation into the building collapse at 348 Court St on July 1, 2020. Commissioner Garnett affirmed that an investigation commenced on the date of the incident. The text of the Commissioner's letter is below; the original may be viewed via the link above.

July 30, 2020

The Hon. Nydia M. Velázquez
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Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Brian Kavanaugh
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The Hon. Jo Anne Simon
Legislative Office Building Room 435
Albany, NY 12248

The Hon. Brad Lander
250 Broadway, Suite 1751
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RE.: 348 Court Street

Dear Sirs/Madames:

I am in receipt of your letter in reference to the building collapse that occurred at 348 Court Street in Brooklyn on July 1, 2020. As you requested, this is to confirm that this Office is conducting an investigation into “both the owner’s conduct and DOB’s response.” This investigation commenced on the date of the incident. While we are working diligently and expeditiously and hope to complete this investigation as soon as possible, we cannot, at this time, identify a date when this investigation will be complete.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Heidi Morales at HMorales@doi.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Margaret Garnett
Commissioner
New York City Department of Investigation

cc: Melanie La Rocca, Commissioner, New York City Department of Buildings
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