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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGNATES INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK IN DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN

On **September 21, 2004** the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to designate the Long Island Headquarters of the New York Telephone Company at 101 Willoughby Street in Brooklyn a New York City landmark.

“This prominent building in downtown Brooklyn is a great architectural masterpiece in New York City,” said Robert B. Tierney, Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Built in 1929-30, the Long Island Headquarters of the New York Telephone Company, is an example of architect Ralph Walker’s long and productive association with the communications industry. Walker was a prominent New York architect whose expressive tall buildings, prolific writings and professional leadership made him one of the foremost representatives of his field during his lifetime. In this dramatically massed, orange brick skyscraper, Walker illustrates his exceptional ability to apply the Art Deco style to a large office tower. The structure is faced with multiple sizes of brick laid in a variety of patterns and planes to create a rich facade design. Horizontal panels of patterned brick enhance each setback leading to the central tower. At the same time, the verticality of the structure is emphasized by narrow sections of the facade that soar upward.



The location of this large, important structure in downtown Brooklyn enforced the commitment of the New York Telephone Company to the growth and advancement of the most modern telephone service to the expanding area of Brooklyn and Long Island. The building is currently owned by Verizon New York and used as a commercial space.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission is the New York City agency responsible for designating and regulating New York City’s landmarks.