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## **DE BLASIO CALLS ON DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS TO STOP WORK ON ALL SCARANO PROJECTS**

**Brooklyn** —Councilmember Bill de Blasio will join local elected officials and community activists to demand that the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) stop work on all Robert Scarano projects while he is under investigation for professional misconduct. Scarano, an architect with a long history of violating zoning codes, building codes, and practicing unsafe construction, is currently under investigation by the State Education Department.

Just recently the DOB approved plans for 360 Smith Street, where Scarano is the architect. Last month, Councilmember de Blasio joined community activists demanding that Scarano's license be revoked. De Blasio is still calling on the State Department of Education to strip Scarano's architecture license because of his unscrupulous building practices and repeated violations of the building code. In 2006, the City's buildings department charged Scarano with violating zoning or building codes on 25 projects in several Brooklyn neighborhoods Robert Scarano.

**When:** Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 11a.m

**Where:** Department of Buildings, 210 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn

**Who:** Council Member Bill de Blasio, local elected officials, community activists

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