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| Dear Members, I am writing today to inform you that very tall buildings are being proposed for several locations on Franklin Avenue near Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The Garden takes very seriously any potential development that could threaten BBG's living collections and the many educational programs that depend upon them. We want to update our loyal members on BBG's position with respect to potential high-rise development projects near the Garden.A possible development by Continuum Company could include a complex of four buildings reaching as high as 40 stories on the site of the former spice factory on Franklin Avenue and Montgomery Street. Buildings of this scale in such close proximity have raised serious concerns about shadow impacts on the Garden and its priceless plant collections and public programs.In order for buildings of this scale to be approved, the City must allow a substantial rezoning of the property. BBG is strongly advocating to maintain the site's current zoning—which now caps building height at six to seven stories—which was put in place, in part, to protect the Garden’s conservatories from building shadows. Redevelopment of the spice factory site is still in an early pre-application stage, and we have been keeping the City of New York—owner of the land upon which BBG is located—apprised of our concerns about shadow impacts. We are also tracking another development, from Cornell Realty, which includes plans for several buildings as tall as 17 stories on Franklin Avenue between Carroll and Montgomery Streets.The Garden is not affiliated with any other groups fundraising to oppose these developments. As we monitor these developments, we plan to update the Garden's members and our broader community. BBG may ask for your assistance with this issue in due course, and we hope we can count on your support. If you have any questions, please reach out to membership@bbg.org. We appreciate your dedication to Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Yours sincerely, |
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| Scot Medbury, BBG President  |
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