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XIAN XI LIN & JIN ZHU LIN  
1556 BENSON AVE.  
BROOKLYN NY 11228-3720

January 15, 2020

**Owner**  
XIAN XI LIN & JIN ZHU LIN

**Property Address**  
1556 BENSON AVENUE

**Borough:** 3 **Block:** 6396 **Lot:** 40

**Tax Class:** 1 **Building Class:** B1 **Units:** 2 Residential

**YOUR NOTICE OF PROPERTY VALUE (NOPV) AT A GLANCE**

**2020-21 Market Value:** \$1,342,000  
**2020-21 Assessed Value:** \$36,547  
**Your property tax exemptions:** SENIOR CITIZEN, ENHANCED STAR

See below for an estimate of your 2020-21 property tax.

**WHAT IS THIS NOTICE?**

This is your annual notice of property value, or NOPV. **It is not a bill, and no payment is required.** This notice will:

- Inform you of the assessed value of your property for tax year 2020-21, and tell you how to challenge it if you believe there is a mistake.
- Explain how property taxes are calculated.
- Provide an estimate of your property tax for tax year 2020-21.

Please keep a copy of this notice with your records. You may also view your NOPV and property tax bills online at [www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv).

**ESTIMATED 2020-21 PROPERTY TAX**

We cannot calculate your 2020-21 property tax until the new tax rate is established by the city council. Until then, you will pay the 2019-20 rate. Many factors influence the amount you will owe, including the value of any exemptions you receive. See page two for details about how property tax is calculated.

The table below estimates the amount you will owe by multiplying the taxable value of your property by the current tax rate of 21.167%. This table is provided for informational purposes only; the actual amount you owe may differ, depending on the 2020-21 tax rate and the value of your exemptions and abatements.

Year	Taxable Value		Tax Rate		Estimated Property Tax
2020-21	\$15,063	x	0.21167	=	\$3,188.39

**KEY DATES**

**March 16, 2020**

Last day to request review of your market value.  
(See page 2.)

Last day to challenge your assessed value.  
(See page 2.)

Last day to apply for a tax exemption.  
(See page 3.)

**July 1, 2020**

2020-21 tax year begins.

**November 2020**

2020-21 tax rate is determined.

**January 2021**

First bill with the new tax rate.

To learn more, visit  
[www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv)

## ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are determined using a complex formula that takes into account many different amounts and calculations. Visit [www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv) for more information about property valuation and taxation.

First, we estimate the <b>MARKET VALUE</b> of your property.	<b>\$1,342,000</b>
We start by looking at the selling prices of properties in your neighborhood with characteristics similar to those in the description of your property that appears on page three of this notice. We then use statistical analysis to determine your market value.	
Next, we determine the <b>ASSESSED VALUE</b> of your property.	<b>\$36,547</b>
We multiply your market value by an assessment ratio to determine the assessed value of your property. The assessment ratio for properties in tax class 1 is 6% for 2020-21; this is the maximum percentage of market value at which your assessed value can be set. However, there are caps on how much your property's assessed value can increase. Under state law, your assessed value cannot increase more than 6% per year or 20% over five years, regardless of increases to your property's market value, unless the increases are due to construction or renovations.	
From there we are able to determine your <b>EFFECTIVE MARKET VALUE</b> .	<b>\$609,116</b>
After applying the legal caps on your assessed value, we are able to determine your effective market value, which is the market value you are "effectively" paying taxes on. The effective market value is computed by dividing your assessed value by 6%. This number will be important should you choose to challenge our determination of your market value, as your property tax will not go down unless you can prove that your market value should be lower than the effective market value.	
Next we subtract the value of any <b>EXEMPTIONS</b> you receive.	<b>\$21,484</b>
If you receive any exemptions, we subtract their value - your exemption value - from your property's assessed value. Your exemption value is used to calculate your taxable value (see below); it is not the dollar amount that you will save on your property taxes.	
The result is your <b>TAXABLE VALUE</b> .	<b>\$15,063</b>
After subtracting the value of any exemptions you receive, we arrive at your property's taxable value. The amount you owe in property taxes is determined by applying the city's property tax rate, which is currently 21.167%, to your taxable value. Any abatements that you receive are then applied to reduce your tax bill.	

### How You Will Be Billed:

Property tax bills are mailed quarterly for properties with an assessed value of \$250,000 or less and semiannually for properties assessed at more than \$250,000. If you pay your property taxes through a bank, mortgage servicing company, or co-op board, you will not receive a bill from the Department of Finance unless you are responsible for other charges, such as sidewalk or emergency repair charges.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THESE VALUES

Challenge Your Market Value with the Department of Finance	Challenge Your Assessed Value with the New York City Tax Commission
<p>If you believe the Department of Finance has made an error in determining your market value, you may submit a "Request for Review" form. The form is available at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/nopv">www.nyc.gov/nopv</a>, or by calling 311.</p> <p>Many property owners consider requesting review of their market value in hopes of reducing their property tax. However, your property tax will not go down unless you can prove that the market value should be lower than the effective market value.</p> <p><b>Deadline: March 16, 2020</b></p>	<p>You have the right to challenge your assessed value by appealing to the New York City Tax Commission, an independent agency that is separate from the Department of Finance. The Tax Commission has the authority to reduce your property's assessed value, change its tax class, and adjust your tax exemptions. The Tax Commission cannot change your market value, property description, or building class.</p> <p>Your application must be received by the filing deadline. To access Tax Commission appeal forms, visit <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/taxcommission">www.nyc.gov/taxcommission</a>. You may also visit a Department of Finance business center (locations at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/nopv">www.nyc.gov/nopv</a>). For more information, call 311.</p> <p><b>Deadline: March 16, 2020</b></p>

**PLEASE REVIEW: YOUR PROPERTY DETAILS**

The Department of Finance has the following information on record for your property. Please review this information and inform us of any errors by filing a "Request to Update" form, available at [www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv) or by calling 311.

**Owner(s):** XIAN XI LIN & JIN ZHU LIN

**Building Class:** B1 (Two-family dwelling)

**Borough:** 3 (Brooklyn)

**Block:** 6396

**Lot:** 40

<b>Primary Zoning</b>	R4	<b>Lot Frontage</b>	18.00 ft	<b>Lot Depth</b>	100.00 ft
<b>Lot square feet</b>	1,800	<b>Lot Shape</b>	Regular	<b>Lot Type</b>	Inside
<b>Proximity</b>	Inside	<b>Building Frontage</b>	18.00 ft	<b>Building Depth</b>	42.00 ft
<b>Number of Buildings</b>	1	<b>Style</b>	Row	<b>Year Built</b>	1930
<b>Exterior Condition</b>	Average	<b>Finished Sq. Ft.</b>	2,268	<b>Unfinished Sq. Ft.</b>	0
<b>Commercial Units</b>	0	<b>Commercial Sq. Ft.</b>	0	<b>Residential Units</b>	2
<b>Garage Type</b>	Detached, Frame Garage	<b>Garage Sq. Ft.</b>	200	<b>Basement Grade</b>	Above Grade
<b>Basement Sq. Ft.</b>	756	<b>Basement Type</b>	Full	<b>Construction Type</b>	Brick
<b>Exterior Wall</b>	Brick/Masonry	<b>Number of Stories</b>	2.00		

**WHAT'S CHANGED: COMPARING TAX YEARS 2019-20 AND 2020-21**

	Current Year (2019-20)	Next Year (2020-21)	Change
<b>Market Value</b>	\$1,090,000	\$1,342,000	+\$252,000
<b>Assessment Percentage</b>	6%	6%	--
<b>Assessed Value</b>	\$35,830	\$36,547	+\$717
<b>Effective Market Value</b>	\$597,166	\$609,116	+\$11,950
<b>Exemption Value</b>	\$21,125	\$21,484	+\$359
<b>Taxable Value</b>	\$14,705	\$15,063	+\$358

- **Market value** is the Department of Finance’s estimated value for your property.
- **Assessment percentage** is a fixed percentage of market value. For class 1 properties, it is 6%.
- **Assessed value** is calculated by multiplying your market value by the assessment percentage. Your assessed value is subject to caps which limit how much it can increase each year.
- **Effective market value** is calculated by dividing the assessed value by the assessment percentage.
- **Exemption value** is the amount of the reduction in your assessed value as a result of any property tax exemptions you receive.
- **Taxable value** is the assessed value minus the exemption value.

**HOMEOWNER TAX EXEMPTIONS**

New York City offers tax breaks known as exemptions to seniors, veterans, clergy members, people with disabilities, and others. In addition to reducing your taxes, many exemptions can keep you out of the lien sale. See the enclosed sheet for more information about the lien sale.

The deadline to apply for homeowner exemptions is March 16, 2020. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv) or call 311.

New York State offers a STAR benefit that covers many homeowners and an Enhanced STAR benefit for seniors. If you applied with the state for the STAR or Enhanced STAR credit after March 15, 2015, the credit will not appear on this notice. Visit [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) for more information.

**COOP-CONDO TAX ABATEMENT**

Owners of cooperative and condominium units can receive an abatement that will help them save money on their property taxes. Your unit must be in an eligible building and it must be your primary residence.

Your managing agent or board of directors must apply on your behalf and certify that the unit is your primary residence. The deadline is February 18, 2020. Please contact your managing agent or board of directors with any questions.

If you need additional information, or if you do not have a managing agent, contact the Department of Finance at [www.nyc.gov/contactcoopabat](http://www.nyc.gov/contactcoopabat), or call 311.

## HOW TO GET HELP

### CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

If you have questions about any of the information in this notice, contact the New York City Department of Finance:

**Online:** [www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv)

**Phone:** Dial 311. (Outside NYC or for relay service, call 212-639-9675.)

**Mail:** NYC Department of Finance  
Correspondence Unit  
1 Centre St, 22nd Fl  
New York, NY 10007

**In Person:** Visit a DOF business center (locations at [www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv)) or attend a Department of Finance outreach event (details below).

### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OUTREACH EVENTS

Receive one-on-one help with your notice of property value. Call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/nopv](http://www.nyc.gov/nopv) to confirm dates and locations and find other events in your borough. Bring your NOPV to the event.

#### MORNING EVENTS (10 A.M. - 12 P.M.)

<b>February 4</b> Bronx	Bronx Borough Hall 851 Grand Concourse, Rotunda
<b>February 5</b> Manhattan	David N. Dinkins Municipal Building 1 Centre St, Mezzanine North
<b>February 6</b> Staten Island	Staten Island Borough Hall 10 Richmond Terrace, Room 125
<b>February 11</b> Queens	Queens Borough Hall 120-55 Queens Blvd, Atrium
<b>February 12</b> Brooklyn	Brooklyn Borough Hall 209 Joralemon St, Community Room

#### EVENING EVENTS (5 - 7 P.M.)

<b>February 13</b> Manhattan	David N. Dinkins Municipal Building 1 Centre St, Mezzanine North
<b>February 24</b> Brooklyn	Brooklyn Borough Hall 209 Joralemon St, Community Room
<b>February 25</b> Bronx	Bronx Borough Hall 851 Grand Concourse, Rotunda
<b>February 26</b> Staten Island	Staten Island Borough Hall 10 Richmond Terrace, Room 125
<b>February 27</b> Queens	Queens Borough Hall 120-55 Queens Blvd, Atrium

### OFFICE OF THE TAXPAYER ADVOCATE

If you have made a reasonable effort to resolve a tax issue with the Department of Finance but feel that you have not received a satisfactory response, the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate can help. For assistance, visit [www.nyc.gov/taxpayeradvocate](http://www.nyc.gov/taxpayeradvocate) and complete form DOF-911, "Request for Help from the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate."

**Phone:** Dial 311. (Outside NYC or for relay service, call 212-639-9675.)

**Mail:** NYC Office of the Taxpayer Advocate, 375 Pearl Street, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10038

**If due to a disability you need an accommodation in order to apply for and receive a service or participate in a program offered by the Department of Finance, please contact the Disability Service Facilitator at [www.nyc.gov/contactdofeeo](http://www.nyc.gov/contactdofeeo) or by calling 311.**