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Debate gets heated on home for disabled

■ Residents at hearing on Huguenot residence clash with officials, clergymen

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Community Board 3's typically calm Rossville headquarters was transformed into a hotbed of controversy last night, with Huguenot residents squaring off against elected officials and clergy members over a possible home for the developmentally disabled in their neighborhood.

Spilling into the hallway, up to 150 people crammed into the windowless room as the board's Human Resource Committee gave a thumbs-up to plans by On Your Mark, a West Brighton-based human services agency, to house seven developmentally disabled adults in a two-

family home at 840 Stafford Ave.



Borough President Guy V. Molinari, right, defends the plan. Beside him are William D'Ambrosio, left, chairman of Community Board 3's Human Resources Committee, and Councilman Stephén Fiala.



There was standing room only at the hearing.

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