



Justice For All Coalition

United We Stand, LIC-Astoria



Statement of Concerns & Demands - NYCHA

NYCHA is home to over 8 million NYC residents (or 1 in 14 New Yorkers) and is an important source of housing for NYC's teachers, police officers, nurses and more. With an estimated \$65 million deficit (expected to be \$400 million in a decade), and \$17 billion in unmet repairs, this source of housing is under threat. Meanwhile, residents' living conditions continue to threaten their health, quality of life, and financial stability. These human rights violations are not acceptable.

The Mayor's solution - NextGeneration NYCHA - is also not acceptable. NextGen aims to resolve the financial issues by selling off properties to private developers and/or shifting buildings into private management and apartments from Section 9 into Section 8 (also known as RAD - Rental Assistance Demonstration).

We need living conditions improved for current residents now, and we need to keep this important PUBLICLY-owned resource PUBLIC, for future generations.

Therefore, we ask for:

- ❖ No privatization of NYCHA properties and no private development on NYCHA land.
- ❖ Public investment in NYCHA to address needed repairs and improvements.



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Statement of Concerns & Demands - **Western Queens**

Furthermore, hyper-development in LIC is causing an emergency situation, which will affect all of Western Queens. Overcrowding, inadequate infrastructure and a rapidly rising cost of living threaten all community members, particularly those who have lived and worked in the area for decades.

We, community stakeholders, therefore ask for an immediate moratorium on any Buildings Department permits for new construction in LIC until the City presents a comprehensive neighborhood plan that considers the following:

- ❖ A neighborhood-wide downzoning based on boundaries determined by neighborhood stakeholders;
- ❖ Guarantees deep, permanently affordable housing for residents earning <50% AMI, and considers the needs of our neighbors facing homelessness;
- ❖ Addresses the impact of new development on local small businesses through community-supported solutions like SBJSA (Small Business Jobs Survival Act);
- ❖ Centers the employment needs of long-time local residents when making plans to grow local industry;
- ❖ Adequately increases infrastructure such as schools, transportation, and parks to meet the needs of the current population;
- ❖ Forbids for-profit development on publicly-owned land, including NYCHA campuses;
- ❖ Rejects the following spot rezoning and development proposals: TF Cornerstone/DOE/44th Drive, Plaxall/Anable Basin, the Jackson Avenue air rights transfer, Sunnyside Yards, and the Paragon Paint Building;
- ❖ Consults neighborhood stakeholders in a transparent, democratic manner and bases current and future neighborhood planning endeavors on community-generated comprehensive plans.