

Coalition to Protect Sunset Park

Chinese Staff & Workers Association ▪ Chinese New Promise Baptist Church ▪ Asian American Legal Defense Fund

Sunset Park has been experiencing rapid changes that threaten our community. The appearance of luxury condos in this neighborhood of working families has accelerated rent increases, forcing residents to crowd fifteen to twenty people into a single apartment in order to afford the rent. These newly built luxury apartments are utterly unattainable for our community's residents, even with hard-earned savings. Many small local businesses are now unable to afford the rising rent and are left with no choice but to close.

The proposed plan to up-zone 8th Avenue will allow developers to build even taller luxury condominiums, which will pave the way for gentrification and exacerbate the dearth of affordable housing that presently afflicts the community in Sunset Park. We are coming together to oppose the proposed up-zoning of any avenue of Sunset Park and to protect our homes, our jobs, and our community that we have built and developed over the years. Our community does not need more luxury condominiums or development that ignores our voices and needs. Rather, the government must be accountable to the community and develop low-income and affordable housing for current and future Sunset Park families.

We demand the City of New York:

1. No up-zoning on the avenues, especially 4th and 8th Ave. Stop the gentrification seeping down from Park Slope.
2. End the gentrification of our community by designating Sunset Park as a Special District with anti-displacement and anti-harassment provisions.
3. Work with NY State's Housing Trust Fund to build low-income and affordable housing.
4. Conduct an Environmental Impact Study, accounting for the people as part of the environment.
5. Protect current manufacturers providing jobs in Sunset Park.
6. Conduct a study on housing conditions in Sunset Park, in addition to the land use study currently underway.
7. Work with local banks to strengthen their Community Reinvestment Act requirements.

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