

EL BARRIO UNITE

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Diane Collier, Chairperson
Manhattan Community Board 11
1664 Park Avenue, Ground floor
New York, NY 10035

Dear Ms. Collier,

We oppose the political charade at CB11 to appoint a rezoning committee with no identified chairperson, nor agenda for tomorrow night, January 19 as a response to the concerns of the East Harlem community who fear the Rezoning will displace them out economically. Where is the justice in this slick side maneuver to discount the voice of El Barrio's poor? Who will lead this committee and for what purpose?

We oppose the naming of LaShawn Henry if she is a possible candidate being considered to lead this committee because of her poor track record on this subject. Her agenda at CB11 is politically motivated against East Harlem's poor. She has not advocated for low income inclusion into the Mayor's MIH proposal and we distrust her motivations- past, present and future. She has revealed herself by her past actions. She showed poor leadership in Lexington Gardens II project by failing to advocate for low income families earning less than \$32,000 in a project she spearheaded.

We demand an open process with the development of such a committee so that it does not become another bad example of how to screw the little people of our community. This issue needs to be profoundly advertised as it very important to East Harlem residents who will be affected. Rethink and make the public interest the rationale for this committee and its proposed leadership that will answer our concerns and not create greater problems for Community Board 11 of East Harlem.

Regards,

Roberto Anazagasti & The Poor People of El Barrio

cc: Honorable Borough President Gale Brewer
Honorable Assembly Robert Rodriguez
Angel Mescaín, District Manager