

-East Harlem Rezoning 2017 process now under way-

City Off On East Harlem Rezoning Process

The proposal for the 96-block section of the neighborhood could create 3,500 apartments while displacing thousands more...

The rezoning of East Harlem has officially begun. The city launched the lengthy public review to rezone the 96-block stretch Monday, according to *Curbed New York*. The proposal, if approved, would create 3,500 apartments. El Barrio Unite says it will displace thousands more... Where do you see this plan headed? How will your elected representative decide???

The plan, inspired by Melissa Mark Viverito's East Harlem Neighborhood Plan; organized by Community Voices Heard, covers the region bounded by East 104th Street, East 132nd Street, Park Avenue and Second Avenue. It is backed by City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, who represented the area. It calls for a big portion of the proposed apartments to be developed under the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program, which discounts households earning less than \$ 32,000.00. This \$48 Billion Plan will allocate less than 8% of this public financing \$48B to meet the needs of El Barrio's poorest while gentrifying the neighborhood with wealthier newcomers on public monies. City Council member Viverito whose elective post expires in November 2017 will leave a disparaging legacy of displacing East Harlem's poor if this proposal passes as is. The Mayor is being challenged by various candidates on this issue. Attend the Alliance Candidates Forum May 4 at PS 108, located at 1699 Madison Avenue

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<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/applicants/applicant-portal/lur.pdf> is now accepting public comment before the City Council vote comes up. The alternative full draft neighborhood document can be viewed here. The East Harlem priorities will be publicly presented at the Community Board 11 Rezoning Task Force Meeting on May 4th, 6 pm at the Bonifacio Senior Center, 7 East 116th Street.

The community never invited this displacement plan of East Harlem's poor. In fact, the CB11 voted against this plan unanimously (with 2 abstentions) in November 2015. Check your details of lies- The East Harlem Neighborhood Plan called for more limited bldg. heights and was only advisory, while Mayor DeBlasio and DCP is forwarding this plan to increase building heights 3 times more than current. The proposal is an approximately \$48 Billion public financed vehicle to displace East Harlem's poor since the MIH Proposal discounts households earning less than \$32,000. This public money can be better spent preserving the current affordable housing against the gentrification this Real Estate plan will instigate. This Rezoning strategy of deceit against the poor by our local newspapers proves this plan is "rigged".