

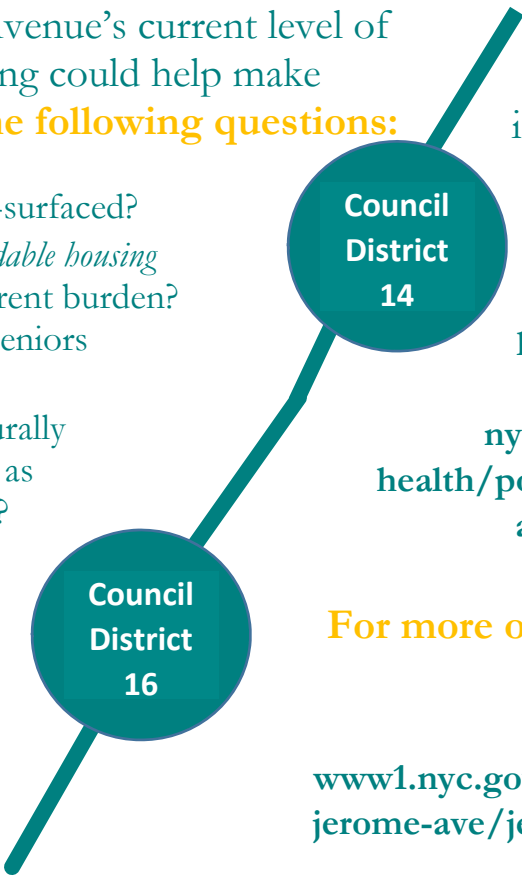
Raising the Discussion:

Visions for an Age-Friendly Jerome Avenue

Stretching over 5 miles, 5 zip codes, and 2 council districts in the Bronx, a portion of Jerome Avenue is set to be rezoned, a process that will shape the street and its surrounding communities for years to come. During this process, it is important to integrate livable features for all ages, including seniors. By emphasizing the importance of zoning for age-friendly communities, local elders are more likely to lead longer, healthier lives.

When thinking about Jerome Avenue's current level of Age-friendliness, and how zoning could help make improvements, **ask yourself the following questions:**

- Are *sidewalks* and *crosswalks* even-surfaced?
- Are there opportunities for *affordable housing* that does not create an extreme rent burden?
Are these options accessible to seniors (i.e. no stairs)?
- Are there opportunities for culturally appropriate *social engagement* such as arts, senior centers, and libraries?
- Is there an adequate supply of *healthcare* providers?
- Is there adequate access to *food*? *Parks*?
- Are *transportation* options available and accessible?
- Do you feel seniors are *welcome* in the community?



For other resources to learn about the importance of fostering Age-Friendly Communities:

livabilityindex.aarp.org/
nyam.org/institute-urban-health/policy-programs/healthy-aging/age-friendly-nyc/

For more on the Jerome Avenue planning process

www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/jerome-ave/jerome-ave-updates.page

Whether utilizing this resource at a community planning event or as an independent user, it is important to **share input with your City Council Representative.**

While the map outlines Jerome Avenue and can help give you an idea of each Council District, to determine your specific representative, check out this resource:

council.nyc.gov/html/members/members.shtml

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