WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CITY’s PLAN FOR:

New Jail Space in Chinatown at 124 - 125 White Street

The City has proposed to phase out the closing of Rikers Island Correctional Facility and to build 4 new borough-based jails in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. The original proposed site for Manhattan was 80 Centre Street. The site was then changed to 124-125 White Street due to the challenges of moving the municipal offices within 80 Centre Street. The City filed paperwork to start the environmental review process, which examined the impacts of the proposed project.

MO Criminal Justice released a “Draft Scope,” which outlines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project to be studied in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The public commented on the scope and requested additional impacts be considered on EIS at a public scoping meeting for the original site at 80 Centre Street, but were not allowed the opportunity for the newly proposed site at 124-125 White Street.

Impacts of the proposed project was analyzed as listed on the Draft Scope, which did not include 124-125 White Street as the intended site. Each site held a series of closed door meetings with respective Neighborhood Advisory Councils, a group of community leaders handpicked by the Council Member. On March 25th, the City submitted the Draft EIS to DCP for approval, beginning the ULURP.

Red Flags

- Unprecedented to combine sites from 4 boroughs into 1 ULURP
- NAC (Neighborhood Advisory Councils) of all 4 boroughs have made statements of disapproval to the plans
- Manhattan’s NAC meetings happened in a compressed time frame in comparison to the other boroughs
- There was no opportunity for public input in the draft scope after the site changed from 80 Centre St to 124-125 White St.

Visit for links to:

- Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting minutes
- Center for Urban Pedagogy’s ULURP toolkit
- Neighbors United Below Canal
- Just Leadership
- related articles
- information updates

www.thinkchinatown.org/ULURP

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The Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) is an official process created in the 1960s to ensure that the public as well as different local government representatives had input when it came to reviewing big land-use proposals. Any city proposal to use land—no matter big or small—must go through the ULURP process. The entire process usually takes 7 months.

CB can make recommendations but do not have final decision making power.

CB1 & CB2 have made their recommendations. Resolutions are linked at www.thinkchinatown.org/ULURP

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PUBLIC HEARING
Tues, June 11, 6pm
Pace U. Student Center
1 Pace Plaza

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CPC has power to approve/disapprove of plan—decision stands unless overridden by CC

*Focus on land use when making comments to City Planning Commission

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Gerald W. Lynch Theatre
524 West 59th St

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CC has power to approve or override CPC’s decision.

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If project moves forward as planned, there will be 10 year period of demolition and construction scheduled for Chinatown.

Support local business through this difficult time.

ISSUES RAISED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

• City led community engagement has not been adequate especially to mono-lingual Chinese speaking neighbors.
• Legality of continuing the Draft EIS without creating a Draft Scope for 124-125 White street after the site change from 80 Centre St.
• Manhattan’s site has the largest space planned for jail use (910,000 sq ft) but the least amount of space reserved for retail or community use (20,000 sq ft).
• Decommissioning White Street will greatly affect connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists during construction and after the decommissioning.
• Economic impact of 10 years of planned demolition and construction period will be severe on local small businesses.
• Shadows cast by this tall building will cover surrounding low-rise area.
• Planned jail facilities will not meet quality of life standards for detainees as promised.
• Health impacts of the Seniors living in the Chung Pak Senior Center Housing during 10 years of demolition and construction.
• Ideas for community give-backs include tax breaks during 10 years of demolition and construction, supporting a community-used space with revenue from retail rent.

Actions you can take:

Attend Public Hearings
Testify at hearings & submit statements
Bring people with you to hearings

Call /Write
Make your comments specific

Rally
Check NUBC for any planned rallies

http://neighborsunitedbelowcanal.com