

To: Mayor de Blasio  
CC: Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams,  
Congressman Jerry Nadler,  
Senator Simcha Felder,  
Assemblyman Peter Abbate,  
Councilman Carlos Menchaca,  
Department of Homeless Services,  
WIN NYC

We, the residents, businesses and shoppers of Sunset Park strongly object to Mayor de Blasio's plan to build a shelter at the site located at 801 65th street, Brooklyn, NY 11220, without prior input gathering and consultation from our local community. We demand prompt action be taken immediately to withdraw this plan.

- The plan disrespects asian community culture and it conflicts with what Chinese immigrants value. The site sits at the entryway to 8th ave, the Brooklyn Chinatown, where an archway is supposed to be built. Facades are extremely important in Chinese culture. The entrance to Chinatown should be a gorgeous arch—this is Chinese culture. Setting up shelters at the entrance is a cruel humiliation to Chinese culture. Having a shelter at this location is simply not a proper representation of Chinatown, nor does it reflect on the culture of the Chinese immigrants.
- Sunset Park is a very high-density area with schools that are overcapacity with overcrowded surrounding infrastructure. The schools in the area are overcrowded to an extent that students have to stagger their lunch periods, where many of them have to eat lunch as early as 9am in the morning, just so that everyone can share the limited spaces in the cafeteria. With an extremely scarcity of street parking space, which is however continuously and permanently taken away by the city's other projects, cars are forced to double, even triple parked on the streets. The decision to override public safety and ignore the voice and need of the local community by forcing the building of shelter in such a dense residential neighborhood is nothing but utterly irresponsible.
- Sunset Park is a residential neighborhood with primarily low-income immigrant families. A high percentage of the population are of minor children and senior

citizens. There are multiple schools within the blocks of this planned shelter site, with more than 2 elementary schools and several senior centers just 2 blocks away. Improving living conditions of the local low-income population should be of higher priority than building a luxurious shelter. There are many families, the majority of them with minor children, who are forced to share a single unit with multiple households because they simply can't afford the unit by themselves. Our community is desperately in need of more affordable housing, which we have been asking for for the past decades.

- It's also worth noting that the site used to be a gas station. This is a gas station that uses an old, single-story underground oil tank. The gas station did not undergo various environmental tests by the EPA when it was dismantled. There is a high probability that this location is not safe to build residential buildings because of its soil contamination. If there is not enough pollution removal work, the construction process may cause a large amount of additional pollution, which will endanger the physical and mental health of the people in this area.
- Lastly, the site is situated on one of the busiest commercial blocks inside our immigrant community. This plan will only add more burdens to the local businesses that are suffering from Covid-19 pandemics and are already struggling to get back on their feet. Some of them may have to shut down their businesses because of all of this. Furthermore, opening a planned shelter in such a high dense business district, is incapable of providing essential mental, physical care and social service for the intended shelter resident, some of them desperately need such help.

With the ongoing and increasing number of Anti-Asian hate crimes that target our population, this plan will add to the fear and insecurity of our community, especially, to the most vulnerable groups, the children and elders. We will not let this ruin our community, as this plan will end up pushing many immigrant families, like us, out of the community, a home that we spent decades to build.

We are grateful for the recent support from the communities and elected officials calling for transparency and dialogue with the community. The community has spoken, where our recent rally in front of the site had gathered over thousands of local residents joining in opposition to this plan.

We, the undersigned individuals and organizations, cannot tolerate all these threats to our children, families, and community, and hereby demand immediate action to halt the planned building of shelter at 801 65th St, Brooklyn, NY 11220. We reserve our rights to take action, in all means, including but not limited to legal action, to protect our community, our home.

【以下签名代表签名人同意，我们不能容忍任何对我们的孩子、家庭和社区的威胁，我们签名要求立即停止在 801 65街, Brooklyn, NY 11220 建造游民所的计划。我们保留 采取行动的权利，将以包括但不限于法律行动的各种行动，来保护我们的社区、我们的家】

Nosotros, las personas y organizaciones abajo firmantes, no podemos tolerar todas estas amenazas a nuestros niños, familias y comunidad, y por la presente exigimos una acción inmediata para detener la construcción planificada de refugio en 801 65th St, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Nos reservamos nuestros derechos de tomar acción, en todos los medios, incluyendo pero no limitado a acciones legales, para proteger nuestra comunidad, nuestro hogar.

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