

**Community Board 9  
890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**Committee Minutes  
Housing Committee  
January 8, 2020**

**Attendance**

Alejandra Caraballo, Committee Chair  
Beverly Newsome, CB9, Committee Member  
Unella Rhone-Perry, CB9, Committee Member  
Migdalia Rodriguez, Community Committee Member

**Absent:**

Joan Tate Headlam, Community Committee Member

**Guest:**

Adrienne Sykes, Community Member

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- I. Open Discussion and Current Issues in the Community**
- Discussed issues in the community including the potential rezoning of Flatbush
  - The displacement of local grocery stores. Western Beef may end up closing
  - Seniors not being able to get groceries and having to get them delivered.
  - Concerns about spice factory development and the city nixing the 50/50 MIH requirement.
  - Mitchell-Llama style housing should be brought back
- II. Ongoing Projects**
- **Community Forum on Tenants Rights, February 20, 2020 at 7pm**
    - Alejandra will continue reaching out to community partners and elected officials offices to sponsor the event.
  - **Community Forum on Foreclosure, Deed Theft, and Homeowner issues, March 19, 2020 at 7pm**
    - Alejandra will continue reaching out to community partners and elected officials offices to sponsor the event.
- III. Drafting a report on mandatory inclusionary housing and the effect on local residents to be submitted to the chair of the community board.**
- Discussed whether the committee should issue a report on the current state of mandatory inclusionary housing in the community and the structure of such report.
  - Alejandra said that it should have two components, a policy analysis component that seeks to offer a policy solution to the current issues, and a more qualitative component that seeks to tell the stories of how the current MIH policies have affected them

- The report could focus on three issues, the housing lottery, stores and commercial space, and the effects on residents.
- Agreement that work should start on a report. Alejandra will work on drafting the legal and policy analysis while the other committee members will look at finding members of the community to tell their stories in the report.
- Concerns were expressed about whether community members would need to have their names publicized in the report. Alejandra stated she would check with the CB Chair to see if pseudonyms could be used to protect privacy while following legal requirements.

**IV. Recruiting more members to the committee**

- Generally, spoke about recruiting more members to the committee and encouraging others to apply for board membership.

**V. Adjourned at 8:20pm**