

Lenox Terrace Association of Concerned Tenants (LT-ACT)



LT-ACT WINS REZONING FIGHT!

Dear Fellow Residents:

On Friday, March 13, after almost a year of activism from LT-ACT Leadership, Executive Committee, and LT Residents, Olnick withdrew their application to rezone! The withdrawal from the Uniform Land Use Review Process - the City of New York process by which Olnick sought rezoning approval - ends the process for Olnick seeking the current rezoning plan.

New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson told the Olnick organization, "there was no path forward" for them at the New York City Council - that the Olnick rezoning plan would not be approved. New York City Councilmember Bill Perkins had been consistent in his "NO" vote on the project and relayed his opposition to the Speaker and the City Council.

The City Council's decision took into account the February 12th City Council Public Hearing where President Lenn Shebar, Vice-President Savanna Washington, along with other members of the LT-ACT Executive Committee, and Lenox Terrace residents testified against the rezoning plan. LT-ACT Leadership also submitted a comprehensive 30-page opposition package to each Committee member as part of our public comments.

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Community Board 10 had also vehemently opposed the rezoning project, both submitting "NO" recommendations to Olnick's proposed rezoning plan. Their "NO" recommendations in the earlier stages of ULURP also added weight to the City Council Zoning Committee and the Land Use Committee unanimously voting "NO" in February as well.

Olnick still has the ability to build approximately 500 apartments under the current "as-of right" zoning. However, that is still significantly less than the 1700 apartments they were originally seeking to build, along with overscale commercial stores - creating a 34th Street "north" at Lenox Terrace.

It's been a long struggle, but WE WON!