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Astoria LIC Rezoning

The Old Astoria Neighborhood Association requests that the City of New York authorize and fund the NYC Department of City Planning to rezone the area of CD1 that has not been rezoned since 1961. Two areas of CD1 have been rezoned: Astoria North of Broadway, and the Dutch Kills Special Zoning District. We ask that the remain areas, (also known as the Ravenswood Rezoning) continue the process of Contextual Zoning. The last rezoning took place over 58 years ago. Our neighborhood has undergone significant change since then.

This process, with the proper neighborhood input, will eliminate the spot rezoning that are now being voted upon without the benefit of a long-term plan that would make sure that any rezoning would make sense in the larger scheme of development. Because of the Astoria Rezoning of 2010, there have been few if any rezoning requests north of Broadway. Almost all current requests are taking place in the area

Positives include:

1. The neighborhood would have input into what their neighborhood will look like, to insure the quality of life they deserve, while allowing controlled growth and facilitating jobs commercial development.
2. Developers would be able to forego the expensive and time consuming ULURP process. They would know immediately what type of building they will be able to put up, and make smart investments with certainty.
3. Homeowners and buyers would have clarity as to the nature of the neighborhood they are investing in.
4. The new zoning would reflect more accurately current uses and guide development in a positive fashion for the neighborhood.
5. It is almost impossible now for a spot zoning or variance to be properly accessed without an overall plan to compare it to. We are on the way to creating a chaotic neighborhood

where then only winners are lawyers and lobbyists.

Community Board 1 has made the funding of staff at City Planning to create this Ravenswood Rezoning one of their Expense requests for FY 2020.

Lastly, it is imperative that this rezoning take place asap, to make sure that the city has all the tools in place to control growth so that it does not negatively affect the quality of life of residents.