

How do you plan to stop mega-development invading our neighborhood like 200 Amsterdam and West 66th Street?

As a former Board Member of Landmark West, I know that preserving the character of our neighborhood is of vital importance. Giant new luxury developments are out of context for our neighborhood, and unduly skew our local economy toward extreme wealth rather than the middle class. Seniors and families who have lived here their whole lives are losing their homes. Businesses that have served our community for decades are going out of business. And kids struggle to get the personal attention they need at overcrowded public schools.

If we want the Upper West Side to remain a great place to live, we must stand up to big real estate. As Chair of Community Board 7, I took on one of the biggest developers in the city and won us the school at Riverside Center, 600 units of permanent affordable housing, and \$20 million for the expansion of Riverside Park—in total, hundreds of millions of dollars in tangible benefits for our community. I owe nothing to real estate developers, and have returned developer checks when they try to donate to my campaign.

Here's what I'll do about these new buildings:

1. Mitigate or end "As of Right" development.
2. Challenge and rally the community to oppose any new out-of-context building.
3. Reform zoning to include community review of all high-density developments.
4. Require public disclosure of all transfers of development rights.
5. Prohibit bad-acting landlords from acquiring new permits.

I have the record to deliver results on this issue. I previously:

1. Staved off the sale of air rights over a park, and instead negotiated funds to rebuild the Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center on 59th Street.
2. Forced the developers of Riverside Center to include 600 units of permanent affordable housing, the first new Upper West Side public school in 30 years, and \$20 million for Riverside Park.
3. Successfully advocated for historic districts that promote rational development and preserve neighborhood character.

