



DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
CITY OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Concerned Citizen,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding tall buildings in New York City. As you are aware, in 2018, Mayor de Blasio requested that DCP examine districts/areas of the city where excessive mechanical voids could be used to raise residential tower heights purely for enhanced views and increased market value. While DCP had anticipated referral of a proposed zoning text amendment in December 2018, conversations with City Council members resulted in a request for an expanded geographic scope which required additional analysis.

DCP is now prepared to present the proposed zoning text amendment for certification on January 28 as part of a two-phased approach. The second phase – addressing a broader geographic scope – is also expected to go through the public review process this year.

We have studied residential buildings in residential neighborhoods and worked toward a proposal that addresses the issue of excessive mechanical voids without stifling critical safety and resiliency considerations, inhibiting innovative design, or curtailing housing production that meets the needs of our growing city.

We appreciate your interest and engagement in these important land use matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anita Laremont".

Anita Laremont