

BK CB7 Housing Committee Meeting

June 1st 2023

Agenda

1. **Presentation:** Financial Resources for Housing Justice By Oksana Mironova - Community Service Society

2. **Proposed New Business Items** (from committee member John Santore):

(a) The Committee should contact the developer behind **4919 4th Avenue** and the church officials who sold the property and ask them to appear before the Committee to discuss the project and sale. (Background: <https://sunsetparkreports.wordpress.com/2023/04/06/23-4-6-intro-research-on-4919-4th-ave/>)

(b) The Committee should contact the **Fifth Avenue Committee** and ask them to present on the economics behind both of their Sunset Park affordable housing projects.

(c) The Committee should consider a resolution calling on CB7 to explore the creation of **community land trusts** within CB7.

(d) The Committee should send a letter to the CB7 Executive Committee and ask them to approve the creation of an opt-in Google Group for the Committee, a publicly accessible Google Drive folder for Committee documents, and a shared Committee document (aka, a Google document) for planning purposes.

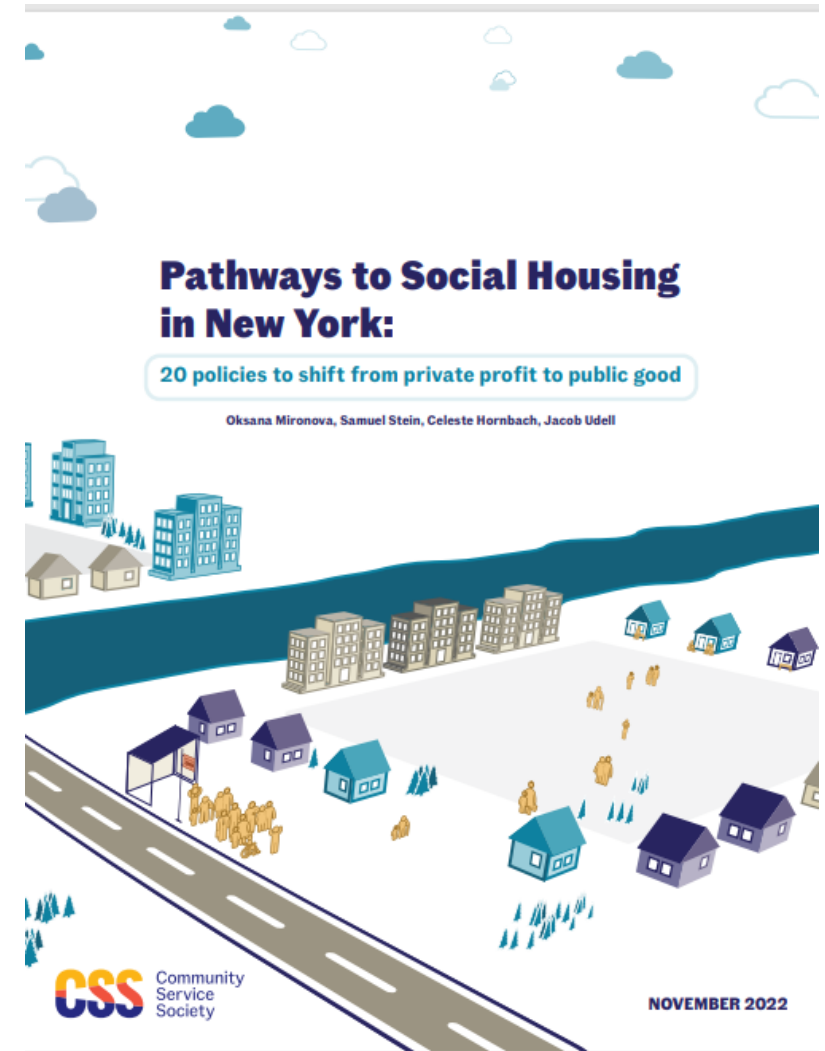
(e) The Committee should contact **TOTEM, FAC, South Brooklyn Industrial Development Corp** and **Brooklyn Workforce Initiative** and ask them to provide an update on the **737 4th Avenue** project.

(f) The Committee members should work together to set future meeting dates and agendas.

Presentation: Financial Resources for Housing Justice

By Oksana Mironova - Community Service Society

“We are already spending a tremendous amount of money on private, for-profit housing and the homelessness crisis it produces. It’s time to shift the priority to funding social housing instead.”



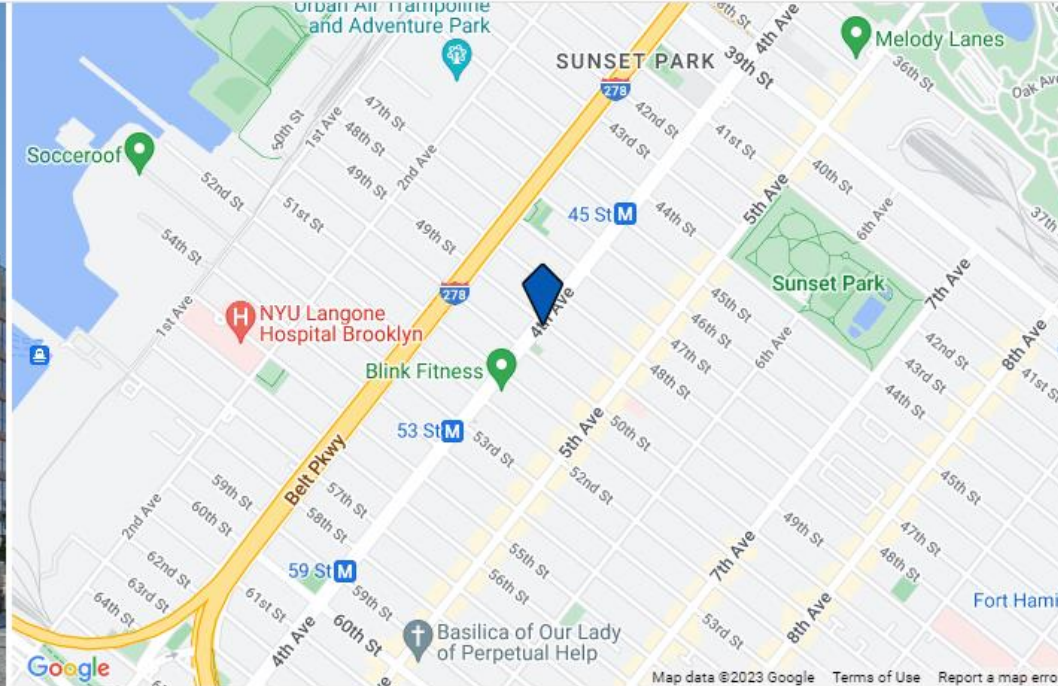
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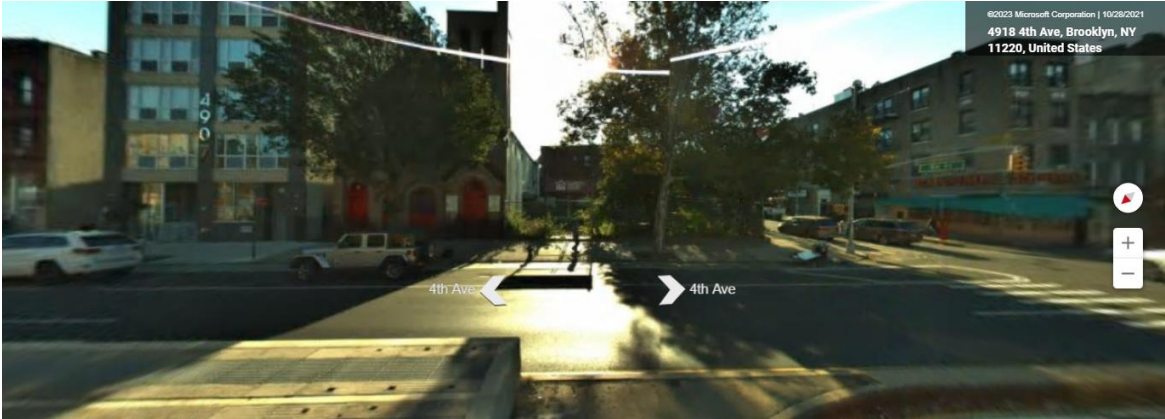
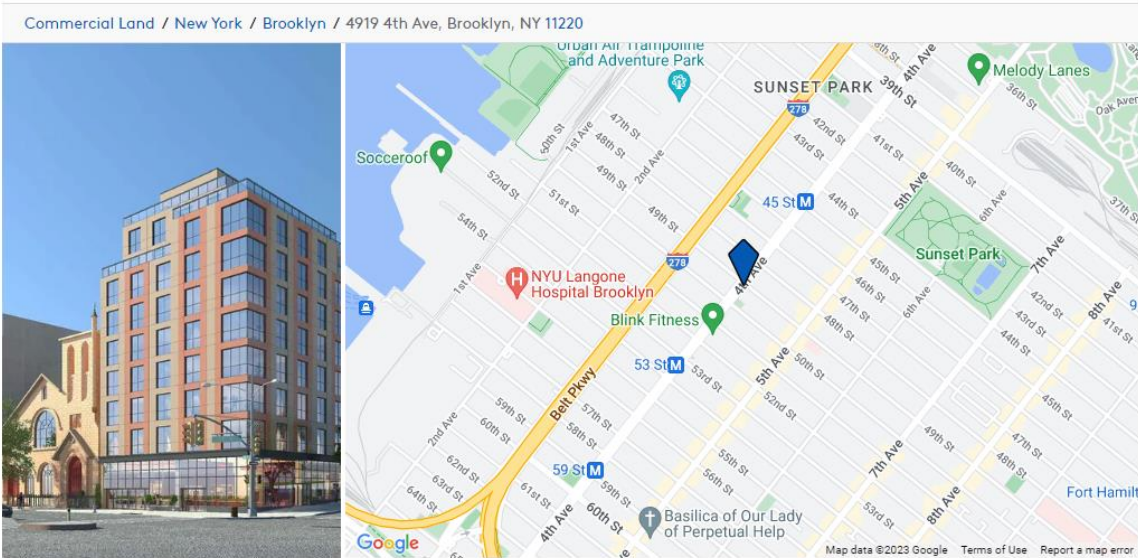
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2023 - 2024 NYS Budget - Housing

Supporting Homeowners, Tenants, and Public Housing Residents

The FY 2024 Budget includes investments in

1. rental assistance for the most rent-burdened New Yorkers and residents of public and subsidized housing,
2. funding support and assistance for homeowners,
3. the creation of a nation-leading program to combat childhood lead exposure in residential buildings,
4. Upstate Tenant Protection Unit, and
5. funding for legal services and representation for eviction cases statewide

Funding for housing includes:

•**\$391 million** for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to support additional tenants and families, including NYCHA and other public housing residents and recipients of federal Section 8 vouchers.

•**\$50 million** for a Homeowner Stabilization Fund to finance home repairs in 10 communities across the state that have been identified as having high levels of low-income homeowners of color and homeowner distress. The program is modeled on the \$10 million Buffalo East Homeowner Improvement Program.

•**\$40 million** for the Homeowner Protection Program, which provides funding to dozens of nonprofit housing counseling and legal services organizations around the state to help homeowners in default and foreclosure.

Housing Compact Failed –

- Housing Compact was proposed statewide strategy to increase housing supply and combat exclusionary zoning, with the goal of producing 800,000 new homes over the next decade. The land use proposals include statewide production goals, transit-oriented development and establishes an appeals process.

Rent Guidelines Board –

- The RGB will hold a final vote in June on rent increases for lease renewals of stabilized apartments
- On the table are rent hikes of 2 to 5 percent for one-year leases and 4 to 7 percent for two-year leases
i.e. \$2,000 a month with a 6 percent increase is a rent increase of \$120 per month.

Possible Resolution –

Letter to Mayor's Office opposing Mayor Eric Adams' attempt to suspend the city's right-to-shelter law.

- If right-to-shelter is removed, the city's crisis could deepen further, since more migrants continue to arrive every day.
- If the city abdicates its responsibility of housing migrants, ppl may end up in the streets, putting them in danger. The city does, have both resources and alternatives that it should deploy to address the homelessness crisis in New York City. (Legal Aid Society and Coalition for the Homeless formally oppose).