

Dear Planners,

Thank you for your work on the plan. The map and supporting documents are interesting and well laid out. I generally support the vision of the plan and it's emphasis on sustainability, jobs, and "complete" neighborhoods.

I live in Sunnyside and feel that the changes that have come to my neighborhood are generally acceptable, however I do have three concerns:

1. I am opposed to raising the height of buildings along Belmont St beyond three stories. I feel this creates too much of a canyon which creates dark spaces and casts shadows on neighboring homes. In addition, I would like to ensure that new buildings have a parking space for each residence. While I like to believe that people will walk, bike or bus to work, the reality is that people still have cars and will use them. Density is good, but it must fit reality and the reality is that too many cars creates problems.
2. I'd like to ensure that there are affordable homes/apartments built into new development, especially in the close in neighborhoods where the prices on dwellings continues to rise.
3. We need more green spaces- micro parks or parks created by knocking down some buildings. We especially kid-friendly spaces. It seems that every available space is being taken up by new construction- where will the children play? Where can a person go for solitude or recreation?

Thanks for your consideration,

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