

# CHINATOWN WORKING GROUP

Community Planning Its Future

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Dear Fellow Community Members:

The Chinatown Working Group (CWG) was established in Fall 2008 with the goal of supporting Chinatown's residents, businesses and visitors by helping our community determine its future.

The CWG is a democratic, open and transparent community-based planning body comprised of Chinatown's "stakeholders" -- at present, 48 member organizations in the greater Chinatown area, including all three of its community boards.

For more than a year, CWG Working Teams have met regularly to focus on areas of concern in Chinatown:

- Affordability
- Culture & Historic Preservation
- Economic Development
- Education & Schools
- Immigrant Affairs & Social Services
- Parks, Open Space & Recreation
- Traffic, Transportation & Security
- Zoning

As a result of these efforts, the CWG drafted a comprehensive community-based plan for improvements to the greater Chinatown area.

On February 1, 2010, the CWG hosted its second Town Hall at PS 130 Hernando De Soto School to review its draft plan with the community and continue brainstorming ideas on how best to preserve and enhance Chinatown. The CWG has since revised its plan based on participant feedback at the event.

Attached please find the most recent draft of the CWG's "Preliminary Action Plans" (PAPs) and additional Proposed Study Area(s). Please note: the CWG has yet to determine its Action Plans and/or official Study Area. To date, a number of Working Teams have made recommendations to the full CWG regarding their proposed PAPs and Proposed Study Area(s), while some Working Teams have indicated they need more time before making their recommendations to the full CWG. The official CWG position on the proposed PAPs and proposed Study Area will only be determined when entire CWG votes on the full plan later this summer.

During the next few months, CBs 1, 2 # 3, co-sponsors of the CWG 197-a Plan, will conduct public hearings on the revised PAPS and Proposed Study Area(s) beginning in April. We will list all such meetings on the CWG website in hopes that many of you will attend.

Fondly,  
Jim Solomon & Thomas Yu  
Chinatown Working Groups, Co-Chairs

For more information about the CWG, please check our website:

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# CAPZ Proposed Study Area

**\* Draft for Discussion Purposes Only**

- Parks
- nycd

CAPZ Proposed Study Area

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 The proposed "study area" indicates the geographical boundary under consideration by the CAPZ Working Team. It does not represent the recommendations by CAPZ for the area. Specific proposals will be presented as "planning areas" at a future date.



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