

Watch Out – City Hall May Taketh Away more than just our bucks

We must be on the watch on the latest attempts to curb community input – which we need much more of – on major land use decisions in our city. The new threat apparently hit on our community boards. News reports and blogs – some excerpted below indicate that the Mayor will seek to REMOVE COMMUNITY BOARDS FROM THE ULURP (Uniform Land Use Review Procedure) PROCESS. This would be dangerously undemocratic. Apparently, the City Charter Revision process would be the mechanism to thwart what meaningful community review remains. Queens Civic Congress will work with concerned groups across our city to make sure this does not happen. - Corey Bearak

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IS ULURP on the way out when the City Charter is revised?

The Courier-Life chain reported last week, in an article headlined [Community input may be on the outs - City looking to re-examine uniform land-usage guidelines](#) that revisions to city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure ([ULURP](#)) will be looked at by a City Charter revision panel Mayor Mike Bloomberg is expected to establish next year.

Read more at <http://atlanticyardsreport.blogspot.com/2009/01/is-ulurp-on-way-out-when-city-charter.html>

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Community input may be on the outs - City looking to re-examine uniform land-usage guidelines

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Community input has always been a key feature of the city's land use decision-making process.

That, however, could be stripped away in the near future, as revisions to ULURP (Uniform Land Usage Review Procedure) are reportedly going to be looked at by a City Charter revision panel that Mayor Michael Bloomberg is expected to put together next year.

According to an informed source, who attended a discussion of the issue at a meeting held by Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, the goal may be to shorten the lengthy ULURP process, which mandates review of zoning changes from the local through citywide levels over a specific period of time.

“There is a persistent rumor that the mayor is going to be doing a charter revision commission

and one of the things that has been rumored to be on the table is rewriting ULURP, specifically the community board's and possibly the borough president's role in ULURP," noted the pundit. Read More at

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