

CHINATOWN WORKING GROUP

Community Planning Its Future

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Amanda M. Burden
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New York City Planning Department
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Dear Ms. Burden,

This letter is to inform you that Manhattan Community Boards No. 1, 2 & 3, in conjunction with the Chinatown Working Group, under the authority granted to it by Section 197-a of the Charter of the City of New York, intend to submit a proposed community plan, *Chinatown Working Group: Community Planning Its Future*, in mid-2010.

The Chinatown Working Group (CWG) is a democratic and open community based-planning initiative on the future of Chinatown in New York City. Members include Chinatown's stakeholders – representatives of community groups, CBs 1, 2 & 3 and interested parties.

We greatly appreciate the help and guidance given by City Planning staff, in particular Elizabeth Mackintosh, Sarah Whitham and Arthur Huh, during our preliminary discussions. The CWG will present its proposed plan at public hearings at CBs 1, 2 & 3, in their capacity as co-sponsors of the CWG's 197-a Plan, within the next ninety days, and submit it soon after.

We look forward to your continuing cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



James Solomon
Co Chair, Chinatown Working Group



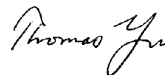
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