

NYC DHS PROPOSAL

Located at 243-02 Northern Blvd.

The New York City Department of Homeless Services is putting a homeless shelter for 72 women 50 years and older at 243-02 Northern Boulevard (old Pride of Judea site). There is no requirement that there be any community input. Our City Councilman, Assemblyman, Senate Senator were informed, but they did not alert our civic association or our local community board. CB 11 ultimately held an informational hearing. The city proposes to put these women on cots in dormitory or barracks like setting with one bathroom for every ten women. The women are not allowed to stay in the shelter during the day. We have serious concerns about the inhumane conditions in which these women will be forced to live. The city is moving women from hotels where there are two women to a room with one bathroom to barrack cots with one bathroom for ten women. All this is to save money not to help or give respect and dignity to these women. This is a nothing more than money making scheme not a charitable outreach to help the homeless.

The process to pick the landlord and the vendor of social services is not in the interests of the public or the homeless. Therefore, we have asked that the method of selecting homeless shelters be investigated.

DCA opposes this proposed site as inhumane, unsafe, a security issue being so close to a school, as well as being a boondoggle. We support the needs of the homeless in our city and welcome them, but in a setting that is legal, safe and with dignity and in consultation with our community. We ask you to call, email, and write your elected officials and say we want justice now for us and the homeless. There are several petitions being circulated by several groups independent from us, you may wish to sign them after reading them. The DCA membership has authorized the Board to take legal action to stop this inhumanity.

See additional pages for: Points to consider that you may wish to use in contacting your elected officials (See: Electeds Contact Information on our web site); Dear Neighbor Letter; and DCA Community Flyer

In addition, we have a special donation form to raise money to support the DCA in its fight to preserve our community and our way of life. This funding will greatly enhance our ability to hire lawyers and expert witnesses, etc. If you are not a member please join today.

DCA is organizing a door to door campaign to conduct fund a raising campaign so we can fight the homeless shelter and any other detriment to our community. Dawn Anatra is coordinating this effort. Please volunteer and call her today at 917-601-3924 or email her at danatra822@gmail.com