

# MANHATTAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Saturday, March 15, 2000  
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

The Puffin Room  
435 Broome Street  
between Broadway and Crosby Street

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Please discuss the following resolution with  
your organization and come prepared for a final vote in March.  
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Whereas, the NYC Department of City Planning has proposed amendments to the Zoning Resolution and Zoning Map, collectively entitled the Unified Bulk Program, and

Whereas, community boards and community groups were not active participants in the development of the proposal and have not had an opportunity to adequately discuss its provisions, and

Whereas, there may be both positive and negative elements to the proposed amendments as well as potential unintended consequences; the lengthy and complex proposals will be difficult to analyze and arrive at informed conclusions absent specific "before and after" build scenarios, models and sufficient time for study and debate, and

Whereas, there are concerns that a portion of the proposal known as the "Design Special Permit" raises many unanswered questions and may undermine the integrity of the review process, and

Whereas, zoning reform is certainly desirable, but it should not be done under pressures of any arbitrary timetables, and

Whereas, any "take it or leave it" approach may have the effect of playing some neighborhoods off against other neighborhoods and force citizens into a reactive rather than participatory mode.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Manhattan Neighborhood Council calls upon the Mayor and the City Planning Commission to extend the review process for the Unified Bulk Program from the charter-mandated review schedule until community boards, community groups and all who may be interested have the time to analyze and properly consider the impacts and implications of such a massive change to the New York City Zoning Resolution.