

## Citywide Alliance Against Displacement

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Dear New Yorkers,

Amazon has backed off from setting its headquarter in New York City! This is a big victory for everyone who opposes big corporations and developers destroying our neighborhoods, and a slap in the face to Mayor de Blasio and Governor Cuomo who rush to incentivize Amazon but claim there is "no money" when it comes to repairing public housing and meeting people's needs in education and healthcare. It shows that the 1% can be defeated even when their political representatives make it seem like it's a done deal. And it's not because of the politicians who signed a letter in support of Amazon and only recently changed tone, but because of the people who unconditionally oppose Amazon and refuse to compromise. On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, when Mayor de Blasio defended the Amazon deal, we marched in the freezing weather from the Lower East Side to City Hall to reclaim our city from his displacement agenda, not only on behalf of LIC, but also LES/Chinatown, and other neighborhoods across the five boroughs experiencing displacement and threatened by predatory land use. It is the people who made Amazon back off. If people can defeat Amazon, they can also defeat any other luxury developments and pro-developer policies.

The fight isn't over. Mayor de Blasio posts on social media about this news and, in his usual arrogance, states that New York City has the best talents, and "[i]f Amazon can't recognize what that's worth, its competitors will." This shows that his intention to continually advance the agenda of big corporations and developers will never end, until people everywhere in the city rise up and reclaim control of our community from this Mayor of the 1%!

But this victory has turned the tide. It shows that when people are willing to take a stand, we can win. Let's celebrate and use this victory to unite across the five boroughs to defeat Mayor de Blasio and his pro-developer agenda!

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