

# WSNA CAMPAIGNS

## get involved!

### ILLEGAL HOTELS

All over the city, landlords are illegally renting out residential units to tourists for short-term stays. These illegal hotels jeopardize our safety by introducing strangers into our buildings, lead to harassment as landlords push people out to convert their apartments into hotel rooms, and decrease the already threatened affordable housing stock in our city. WSNA is fighting for harsher penalties for landlords who break the law this way and for an updated zoning code that keeps hotels out of residential buildings.

### 11<sup>th</sup> AVE REZONING

11<sup>th</sup> Avenue could be a source of affordable housing and community-friendly development...or, if we're not careful, it could be a nightmare zone of nightclubs and hotels that do nothing for our neighborhood. WSNA is working with the Community Board and the City Planning department on a rezoning that will protect the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor for years into the future.

### RAIL YARDS

After many of our members worked hard to defeat the proposed stadium on the West Side Rail Yards, WSNA is making sure that local residents' voices play a big role in planning the future of that land. Our Rail Yards campaign is working to guarantee that the yards are developed appropriately and contextually – with permanently affordable housing, reasonable building heights, and public open space that truly serves the community.

### CLEAN AIR

WSNA's Clean Air and Quality of Life campaign works to reduce the effect of air pollution and other threats to our health in our neighborhood. We have fought against the practice of buses idling near our children's schools, supported the Mayor's congestion pricing initiative and worked to minimize the incidence of asthma in our communities. We support a host of green initiatives and fight for improved public transit to counter traffic congestion.

### WSNA EN ESPAÑOL

WSNA en Español es una campaña para que los hispanohablantes del West Side tengan la oportunidad de organizarse colectivamente sobre los asuntos que afectan sus vidas como vecinos y residentes. Luchamos contra el abuso de los inquilinos, para proteger y aumentar la vivienda económica, y desarrollar nuestra comunidad en una manera sostenible y razonable.

### BETTER RENT LAWS

WSNA is an active participant in the Real Rent Reform campaign, which is fighting for just, pro-tenant legislation at the state level in Albany. This campaign seeks to repeal vacancy decontrol which is diminishing our city's affordable housing stock, reinstate home rule in New York City by repealing the regressive Urstadt Law, save affordable housing units in expiring Mitchell-Lama and Section 8 buildings by putting them under rent stabilization, and reforming the Rent Guidelines Board so that it is accountable to tenants. We know that good laws are key to stopping the loss of affordable housing in the city and protecting our neighborhoods from experiencing runaway rent increases.

### P.S. 51

The city has promised to develop 600 units of affordable housing on the P.S. 51 site, on the block between West 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Streets between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and WSNA is pushing to make sure the apartments really get built. This campaign is also working to ensure that we get a new P.S. 51 building that will really serve neighborhood children—our kids will learn better in modern classrooms, not overcrowded hallways in a 100-year-old schoolhouse!