

SAVE CENTRAL PARK NYC



We are a grassroots, community-based, all-volunteer organization concerned with the negative impacts of mega towers clustered around Central Park, the most important public amenity in New York City. Our members care about protecting and preserving the air, light and open space of this scenic and historic landmark. Supertall buildings already completed or under construction will cast long shadows in the Park, blocking sunlight from playgrounds, open fields, pathways and vegetation. We believe that zoning laws must be updated so that buildings are massed in a way that protects the Park from being covered further in shadows.

WE JOIN OTHER NEW YORKERS IN DEMANDING THAT PUBLIC OFFICIALS PROTECT OUR PARKS AND OUR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS FROM FURTHER INTRUSION BY SUPERTALLS

WE NEED ACTION THAT WILL:

- Prevent development of “too tall” buildings that cast new shadows on neighborhoods, parks and public plazas throughout the city
- Prevent developers from creating zoning lots that allow construction of mega towers in residential areas that are out of context with existing neighborhood height and density
- Remove exemptions from floor-area ratio (FAR) calculations that artificially inflate permissible building height (e.g. mechanicals, voids, “stilts”), and define every floor-to-floor height to be a maximum of 10 feet for purposes of calculating FAR (with any height over 10 feet counting toward a new floor)
- Require that any building over 210 feet have an environmental impact study covering building shadows, air and noise quality, infrastructure, traffic and transportation during and after construction
- Adopt protections that will ensure timely public knowledge and input at all phases of the planning process (e.g. require public disclosure whenever any air rights are acquired and prevent replacement of filed plans with alternate ones that increase height or density after public comment period closes)
- Limit air-right transfers, zoning lot mergers and the “as of right” accumulation of development rights on any given site
- Re-emphasize that the job/role of our public agencies in performing their functions is to protect the public

We further demand a moratorium on construction in residential areas until laws are enacted to include the above protections

Thank you for considering our requests. For more information about our concerns and who we are, please visit our website at www.savecentralparknyc.com or contact us at SaveCentralParknyc@gmail.com