



Literary Publication

2nd Revision:

"...Depression Era Harlem": (Edited response)

The Harlem Community is only one African American/American of African Descent community through-out the New York Metropolitan area that “Big Business, and/or Institutions” have descended upon. Thereby forcing those persons, organizations, and families who have actually fought to remove the deviant elements from their respective neighborhoods/communities into any-one of the NYC’s shelters: Now these same viable citizens find themselves being forced out of the very community that they have lived in, worked, and served for generations.

It is wonderful that the the community and government want to bail-out big business, however—and again—who is bailing out the private citizens of the inner-cities African American communities? Has Bank American, European American Bank, or Chase Manhattan Bank, etc., forgiven any mortgages, loans (personal, or business, etc.) that the residents of the stated communities may have had? Has Big Business acted in good faith with the long standing individual members of these communities, i.e., Harlem, Bed-Stuy, Crown Heights etc.?

Admittedly, there very well maybe one or two instances where a corporation may have acted in good faith, however, at the moment I don’t know of any. That being said, when will these corporate giants step up to the plate and act in good faith to their customers who have paid them hundreds of thousands of dollars, plus taxes if not more over the course of one, two, or perhaps three or more life times? I’m talking about mom and pop! I’m talking about the presidents, and members of the local PTA’s; I’m talking about members of the block associations; and tenant associations—who at this point can’t leave their children/family members a coupon for a discount on a loaf of bread because although the stated loved ones may have deeds, leases, agreements and/or court orders in hand, NYC Marshall’s frequently ignore them to satisfy the whims (which is a seperate process, and discussion), and desires of the corporate entities that the City is demolishing the schools, art, and other historical community artifacts for. The amount of the loss of personal property in this process is in the millions of dollars, probably more. In the process of displacing community residents the exploitation of depressed, oppressed, and underserved communities, and their respective residents is continued.

When will Mr. Bloomberg compel these corporate giants, and the like, to work with the longstanding members of the community in good faith, and in accordance with the very law he has sworn to uphold? So that all may walk away from the table no worse for the wear, and the good works, and deeds of the residents within these communities will be preserved, as well as passing on to the next generation the fruits of labor which is inclusive of a wholesome, and viable community in which to live.

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Thank you,
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