

Let's unite to protect our homes & community!

Louise Velez has lived in the **Lower East Side** for **66 years**. She's raised 11 children. She has participated in many efforts to improve our community, volunteering with churches and community groups and even campaigning for Margarita Lopez when she ran for City Council on the promise of protecting low-income housing in our community.

But now, the City and NYCHA want her family out of the Lower East Side. NYCHA is trying to push her disabled son into the street (he suffers from cerebral palsy) and force Louise's family to transfer out of her home of 35 years and into a 2-bedroom apartment that is too small for her family of four adults. They told her if they want to keep the same size apartment, they have to move to the Bronx or Queens.

Margarita Lopez and Rosie Mendez absolutely refused to help when Louise appealed to them. Lopez had the audacity to tell Louise, "You should feel fortunate - it's a luxury to live in public housing."

Louise Velez isn't alone - there are many other families being forced out

Why are the City and NYCHA forcing out Louise Velez' family and many other long-time LES residents and leaving hundreds of NYCHA apartments empty in the LES and thousands more in disrepair?

The City and NYCHA want us low-income working families out of the Lower East Side because they want to turn the LES into a community for the rich. They've already sold Rutgers Houses to Citigroup, and plan to use most of the publicly-owned SPURA parking lots on Delancey Street to build luxury housing for families making \$100,000 and up.

Louise and her family are fighting for their right to stay together in their home here in the LES. **If you face similar problems and want to protect and better your home and our community, we must join together and speak out.**

Press Conference

JOIN US: **Monday, February 28 - 1pm**
Avenue D & East 6th Street

Join us to demand that the City and NYCHA:

- **Do NOT evict or transfer** Louise Velez and other long-time NYCHA families out of our community.
 - **Protect low-income working families** in the Lower East Side and Chinatown by adopting the community's plan for a Special Zoning District to **limit luxury housing and require 100% affordable housing on NYCHA property.**
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Get involved!

Call NMASS Lower East Side Workers Center at **(212) 358-0295.**