



National Mobilization Against SweatShops

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My name is Louise Velez. I'm here to represent the People First Campaign.

I support the Unity proposal that Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund is proposing.

Chinatown and the Lower East Side should be one district, not split into two like it is. By dividing us, it makes it worse for all of us who have the same issues.

We are working people. We're low-income. We're poor. It doesn't matter if we're black, Hispanic, Chinese—we all want similar things. We're all going through the same things.

We're fighting for the same cause. We want 100% low-income housing on SPURA. We want the People First re-zoning plan to protect our community.

We also want to be able to vote for someone who will represent our interests. Not some developer, or someone who just wants to help developers and the rich.

Thank you.