

city of yes for economic opportunity

Myths vs. Facts

✘ Myth

City of Yes would end single-family neighborhoods.

✔ Fact

City of Yes for Economic Opportunity would not affect housing-related zoning regulations, like rules that govern how many units are allowed on a property. The proposal currently before the City Council is *City of Yes for Economic Opportunity*, which affects only commercial and manufacturing uses. It would not change where manufacturing, commercial, or mixed-use zones are located. It is distinct from *City of Yes for Housing Opportunity*, which will begin public review later this spring, which also would not end single-family zones, but would make changes to what types of housing are allowed where.

✘ Myth

City of Yes would allow rampant commercial activity on every residential corner without oversight.

✔ Fact

City of Yes would allow applications for small local retail to be approved with a City Planning Commission authorization, which requires environmental review, community board and borough president review and recommendations, and a vote by the CPC.

✘ Myth

City of Yes would allow dangerous, polluting industries into quiet residential neighborhoods.

✔ Fact

City of Yes would allow **clean** production in commercial (not residential) zones, subject to strict environmental standards including DEP's "ABC" requirement for emissions; the "right to know" filing for hazardous substances; building performance standards that match existing regulations on mixed manufacturing and residential developments; and emissions stacks that avoid any nearby residences.

✘ Myth

City of Yes would allow businesses to take over apartment buildings, causing quality of life concerns and displacing housing.

✔ Fact

City of Yes would modernize NYC's home occupation rules – which today ban occupations including barber shops, advertising, and interior decorating – while maintaining restrictions on nuisances like noise and odor. The proposal has also been modified to set a square-footage cap on how large a home occupation can be, and clarify that home businesses can not use common spaces in residential buildings.

✘ Myth

City of Yes would allow loud nightclubs in quiet residential neighborhoods.

✔ Fact

City of Yes would not change regulations on venue size or volume. It would allow people to stand up and dance at venues where live music is already allowed, but dancing is not, and would allow certain venues to sell tickets or advertise showtimes to support musicians.

✘ Myth

City of Yes would allow strip clubs across the city.

✔ Fact

Live entertainment like music, comedy, or dancing is governed differently than "adult uses." *City of Yes* would not change the strict regulation on adult uses.