

What happened at our meeting

DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

As promised, follow up to our General Meeting. Thank you to NY State Senator Daniel Squadron for the extensive time he spent with us on issues.

First, events we discussed coming up next week.
Second, brief synopsis of important issues at our meeting.
Detailed position statements will be out soon.

DID'S PRESIDENT JEANNE WILCKE TO BE HONORED

At the 5th Annual Women's Awards! All invited.

Presented by The Women's Democratic Club of NYC, Jim Owles Democratic Club, Broadway Speaks OUT and Yetta Kurland.

DATE WED March 2, 2011
TIME 7-9 pm
PLACE The historic Stonewall Inn, 53 Christopher St (7th Ave)

A spectacular host committee including Bryan Batt, Alan Cumming, Michelle Clunie, Yetta Kurland, Heather Matarazzo & Caroline Murphy.

Performances by Meredith Patterson, Kelly King, Caroline Murphy & Marti Gould Cummings.

Suggested donation \$25 to \$100 to support HollaBackNYC.

SOHO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

DID voted strongly against a SoHo BID. SOHO EMERGENCY COMMUNITY MEETING for residents only.

DATE MON Feb 28
TIME 6:30 pm
PLACE 435 Broome, The Puffin Gallery

HYDROFRACKING

A hot topic at our meeting! See Sunday's NY Times extensive article:

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/27/us/27gas.html?pagewanted=1&_r=2&hp

** Emergency Rally to Save NYC's Water

DATE TUES March 1, 2011

TIME 5 pm

PLACE US Army Corps of Engineers

26 Federal Plaza (btw Broadway & Center, close to City Hall)

** 1 pm - same day Mar 1 - City Council public hearing on Fracking in the NYC Watershed.

250 Broadway, 16th flr Committee Room

RENT STABILIZATION EXPIRES JUNE 2011

DID backs Community Board 1's extensive resolution calling for extension and strengthening of rent laws. DID additionally requests civil and criminal sanctions against unscrupulous landlords AND attorneys who financially bankrupt and evict rent-protected tenants through frivolous legal proceedings.

NYU'S MEGA EXPANSION PLAN

Summary of DID vote: Our public officials must step in now to stop New York University's non-contextual mega-plan to take over Greenwich Village and Washington Square Park. We request our elected officials support those who elected them and ensure NYU seeks better alternatives.

REDISTRICTING OF OUR DOWNTOWN VOTING DISTRICTS

DID voted to support Gov. Cuomo's proposal for a nonpartisan redistricting commission. DID also encourages the NYC Council to follow a similar model.

The full statements and resolutions voted on will be available soon via email or on our website didnyc.org

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