

## **Testimony by Paul Epstein for Wednesday April 22, 2020 NY City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting**

ULURP has been suspended during this public health emergency. So, why are there land use items on this meeting's agenda that have been going through ULURP? They may have passed most ULURP checkpoints so far and only require final Council passage to be enacted. But that is irrelevant. A final Council vote is still part of ULURP, and should not occur during the public health emergency.

This is outrageous, and a violation of NYC residents and other stakeholders' opportunity to fully participate in the process, including not just testifying at public hearings, but the opportunity to assemble at Council meetings to protest or support a proposed land use action. Suspension of ULURP is suspension of ULURP. Period. The Council's actions today erode the public's trust in our city government.

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