

For decades, Columbia University has been gentrifying Harlem, displacing entire communities in order to pave the way to further its corporate control of the neighborhood. We DEMAND that Columbia immediately:

1) Pay for all necessary repairs at the NYCHA Manhattanville and Grant Houses projects

- Columbia has profited immensely off of its predatory expansion into Harlem and the related gentrification and displacement it has caused. Columbia's endowment has ballooned to sickening levels over recent years and currently is over \$14 billion (about the size of the GDP of the country of Jamaica). As a first step for reparations for the lives and communities of Harlem that it has attacked and ruined, Columbia should cover all the costs of repairs of Grant and Manhattanville, with NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

2) Use its enormous power and influence to stop the privatization of NYCHA

- Columbia University has immense power and influence in this country. Unsurprisingly, this is generally used for maleficent purposes, such as colluding with the government to use eminent domain for land grabs in West Harlem. Columbia should (for once) use its influence to benefit the people instead of itself and the corporate elite who run the university. Leveraging its immense influence to stop the privatization of public housing, especially here in NYC, would be a small but meaningful step in the right direction. For starters, the university should immediately issue a strongly worded and unequivocal public statement on the matter.

3) Immediately cancel the PUAU U6249 Class "Co-Designing Smart Cities"

- This collaboration to "Redesign Harlem" with the Adams administration is a blatant effort to further gentrify Harlem. With no real input from the common people of Harlem, it aims to transform the neighborhood according to the needs of wealthy capitalists. In particular, the class is working to use controversial cutting edge AI surveillance technologies to expand the already sprawling repressive apparatus of police and the security state in Harlem, which will directly lead to a further expansion of mass incarceration.

4) Renew the lease of the Red Balloon preschool in Harlem WITHOUT a rent increase

- This summer, Columbia announced it would evict the Red Balloon Learning Center in August 2023 from its location at 560 Riverside Dr, where it has been since 1972. In a fashion all too typical of one of the biggest landlords in Manhattan, Columbia is using its largess to crush and displace an important pillar of the community.

5) Give a raise to match inflation to all Columbia workers

- The ruling elite (many of them Columbia graduates) have led this country into economic ruin. Inflation is now officially over 8.5%, and yet Columbia is doing nothing to increase workers' pay to match. This amounts to functionally cutting pay, often by 5% or more each year. Columbia has ample financial resources, while many of its workers struggle with rent and grocery bills. This situation is a typical example of how Columbia University operates. Inflation-matching raises would be a small step towards fixing this gross injustice.

United Front Against Displacement, Student Worker Solidarity, Housing Equity Project

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