



# Committee Hearing

on Alderman Schulter's substitute ordinance

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, @ 11am**

**Committee on Housing and Real Estate**

**City Hall • Room 201-A • 121 N. La Salle Street • Chicago, IL 60602**

Following massive community opposition, Alderman Schulter has introduced a substitute ordinance removing most of the businesses on the 4800 block of North Western Avenue in Lincoln Square from the "involuntary acquisition" list—which means that Chicago Soccer, The Dental Corner and Decorium Furniture can't be condemned for a private developer.

For now.

Five parcels of property, including the Walgreens corner, still remain subject to eminent domain. This sets a troubling precedent for the Western Avenue North Tax Increment Financing District, as well as for property owners in the over 150 TIF districts across Chicago.

**If we allow the city to condemn that corner for private development, there is *nothing* stopping them from coming back at a later date and condemning the rest of Lincoln Square—  
nothing stopping them *except for you*.**

Eminent domain is supposed to be for public use, things like roads and schools—not to give successful small businesses to wealthy, politically-connected developers.

While this initial victory is a huge step in the right direction,

**it is essential that we continue to pressure Alderman Schulter and the City Council to completely remove eminent domain from this substitute ordinance.**

If you can't make it to Thursday's hearing, we encourage you to contact your alderman and Alderman Schulter and tell them both that you oppose the use of eminent domain for private development against any properties in the Western Avenue North TIF.

Alderman Gene Schulter

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