

UPTOWN SENIORS TOWN MEETING

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OPEN THE DOOR OF TOMORROW

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UPTOWN SENIORS TOWN MEETING - LIST OF CONCERNS

1. High rent
2. High cost of living
3. People don't know what is available
4. High hospital costs
5. Youth vandalism
6. Crime
7. Police close eyes to prostitution
8. Drunks on the street
9. Lenient judges
10. Parents not responsible for children
11. Unsupervised retarded people
12. Broken sidewalks
13. Slum Landlords
14. Dirty streets
15. Dog clean-up

UPTOWN SENIORS TOWN MEETING - THE CHALLENGES

I. CITIZEN DISCOURAGEMENT AND NEGLIGENCE

In the arena of COMMUNITY CARE AND UPKEEP,
The following conditions exist: 1.) unresponsive politicians
2.) Negligent citizens
3.) Absentee slum landlords

This indicates that the underlying contradiction is: LACK OF
POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY DISCOURAGEMENT.
This contradiction is illustrated by : VACANT LOTS FULL OF
GARBAGE, KENMORE AVE. FULL OF TRASH AND DOG LITTER AND
ABSENTEE, SLUM LANDLORDS DO NOT CARE FOR THEIR PROPERTY.

II. ORGANIZING SENIOR CITIZEN BUYING POWER

In the arena of DISTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES,
The following conditions exist: 1.) No discount stores
2.) No citizen pressure on business
3.) Businessmen not contacted by senior
power

This indicates that the underlying contradiction is: THE BUSINESS
COMMUNITY HAS NOT FELT THE EFFECT OF SENIOR CITIZEN BUYING POWER.
This contradiction is illustrated by: HIGH COST OF GOODS, COST OF
GROCERY DELIVERY, NO PLACE WHERE SENIOR CITIZENS GET A 20% DISCOUNT
IN UPTOWN.

III. UNIFIED CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

In the arena of CITIZEN PROTECTION AND LAW AND ORDER,
The following conditions exist: 1) Lack of police protection
2.)No unified effort by citizens
3.)Lack of political interest in neigh-
borhood

This indicates that the underlying contradiction is: NO UNIFIED EFFORT
BY CITIZENS AND POLITICAL STRUCTURES.
This contradiction is illustrated by: MUGGING, PURSE SNATCHING, ROBBERY,
LACK OF ATTENDENCE AT MEETINGS.

I. NEIGHBORHOOD WORK PARTIES

We the citizens of Uptown,
In order to Demonstrate local citizens beautifying their neighborhoods
Propose to hold work parties through neighborhood clubs,
Through contacting block clubs, contact alderpersons, contact landlords,
publicize dates of work parties.

II. COMMUNITY CARE

We the citizens of Uptown,
In order to Make a cleaner neighborhood,
Propose Having regular clean-up fix up days
Through 1.) Organizing or finding a group to sponsor the activity
2.) Publicity to inform community residents when the activity
take place
3.) providing equipment and materials
4.) Announcing when and where

Tune: Happy Days

Listen world to what we say
We are the Uptown Seniors of today
We do not rock our lives away
We open doors to a new day.

This town where movies first were born
Where Harry James blew his horn
Where people came from near and far
And built the community we are.

The past was good, the future's great
So come on, folks let's celebrate
The future beckons, make it great
Senior Citizens, it's never too late.

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UPTOWN SENIORS TOWN MEETING - STORY

There was a time Uptown was the Jewel of Chicago. The big bands who played at the Aragon all stayed in the beautiful residential hotels of Uptown. The movie industry pioneered in Uptown. The most beautiful theaters were in Uptown. One could walk down the street and meet a beautiful dancer. Most seniors remember their prom days at the Edgewater Hotel, one of Chicago's finest. You could walk from Wilson Ave. to the Edgewater Hotel amid beautiful shopping centers and safe and wonderful parks. All kinds of wonderful things could be done like ice-skating, roller skating, outdoor dancing and bowling.

Today, Uptown is made up of people who have lived its glorious past. Uptown has the largest percentage of Senior Citizens in Chicago. You can see them meeting at the Peoples Church, standing on the corners and at the Valentine Ball. Together they will tackle the problems of Uptown on behalf of all the citizens.

Their vision calls for safe streets, beautiful new residential buildings and clean, well-lit sidewalks. There will be dancing in Uptown again through the cooperative efforts of its historians and wise ones, the seniors of Uptown.

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