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## **Congressman Rangel Commits to Join WPP Lawsuit**

Congressman Charles B. Rangel, our Representative from the 15th Congressional District, has committed to join as a co-plaintiff in our lawsuit demanding public participation in development of the proposed “Columbus Village.” Now in his 19th term as Representative, Congressman Rangel has long demonstrated leadership in the development and revitalization of urban neighborhoods throughout America.

“I am proud to join my fellow constituents and public servants in this lawsuit,” Congressman Rangel said. “I commend Westiders for Public Participation for their vigilant efforts in bringing true, transparent and inclusive community involvement to this huge project. I am hopeful that this lawsuit will help bring about the kind of necessary input that my constituents have demanded for years.”

Congressman Rangel’s district comprises East and Central Harlem, the Upper West Side, and Washington Heights/Inwood.

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### The Commitment of Westiders for Public Participation

FIRST: Assure every community stakeholder the legal right to public participation, in every decision that's made about the Park West Village community.

SECOND: Empower all community stakeholders by providing a focus for the contribution of services and funds in support of the Westiders for Public Participation community legal action.

THIRD: Provide leadership and education to the communities of New York City who want to remain livable within the current climate of rapid urban growth, by working with community stakeholders to identify and exercise their rights to public participation.

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