

Local Residents' Petition for “Neighbourhood preservation for Neukölln”

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Rents in the north of Neukölln are becoming unaffordable for people on normal incomes! They are reaching as high as €10 per square metre (without heating) and even more when the flat is let to new tenants or after it has been modernised.

Stop the displacement of tenants on low or average income from our neighbourhoods!

The areas around Reuterplatz and Wildenbruchplatz, along Donaustraße and in Rixdorf are particularly affected. Flughafenstraße, Körnerpark and Schillerpromenade are equally concerned. This is why we are calling for the introduction of neighbourhood preservation statutes for the north of Neukölln.

No more luxury modernisations or conversions to condominiums!

We demand that Neukölln local council (*Bezirksverordnetenversammlung*) commission initiates the necessary social studies and reports to enable the introduction of neighbourhood preservation statutes. The council will also be able to prevent further conversions once a regulation on the transformation of property is in place.

Sign our list if you support this initiative!

Important notes:

On the day of signature: the signatory must be at least 16 years old and registered in the district of Neukölln as his sole or main address. Support is made invalid if the information is illegible, incomplete or incorrect, so that the signatory cannot be clearly identified. This also applies to entries that contain an additional clause or proviso. The signature list and its contents may only be used by the district office to verify the right of the signatories to sign.

Local Residents' Petition (*Einwohnerantrag*)

Introduction of neighbourhood preservation statutes.

Neukölln local council (*Bezirksverordnetenversammlung*) should decide as follows:

1. Investigate the prerequisites for the introduction of a neighbourhood preservation statute for the Reuterkiez (area around Reuterplatz).

The district office is requested to check the possibility of issuing a statute according to § 172 Abs 1 Satz 1 Nr. 2 BauGB (Erhaltung der Zusammensetzung der Wohnbevölkerung (*Maintenance of the composition of the residential population*), commonly known as neighbourhood preservation) for the following areas by carrying out an in-depth investigation: the residential areas around Reuterplatz and Wildenbruchplatz, between Kottbusser Damm in the west, Maybachufer and Weigandufer in the north (alternatively: according to the northern district boundary Harzer Str., Bouchéstr., Heidelberger Str.), and Sonnenallee and Treptower Str. in the south and east.

If the results are positive, a decision based on § 172 Abs. 1 Satz 1 Nr. 2 BauGB should be taken up by 30 June 2015.

2. Investigate the prerequisites for the introduction of a neighbourhood preservation statute between Sonnenallee and Hermannstr. as far as the S-Bahn Ring

The district office is requested to check the possibility of issuing a statute according to § 172 Abs 1 Satz 1 Nr. 2 BauGB (neighbourhood preservation) for the residential area between Sonnenallee and Hermannstr. as far as the S-Bahn Ring (in the boundaries of the present Neighbourhood Management areas Donaust. north, Flughafenstr., Ganghoferstr., Rollberg estate, Richardplatz and Körnerpark)

If the results are positive, a decision based on § 172 Abs. 1 Satz 1 Nr. 2 BauGB should be taken up by 30 June 2015.

3. Investigate the prerequisites for the introduction of a neighbourhood preservation statute in the Schillerkiez

The district office is requested to check the possibility of issuing a statute according to § 172 Abs 1 Satz 1 Nr. 2 BauGB (neighbourhood preservation) for the residential area around Schillerpromenade (in the boundaries of the present Neighbourhood Management area) between Oderstr. and Hermannstr. and Columbiadamm/Flughafenstr. in the north and Siegfriedstr. in the south.

If the results are positive, a decision based on § 172 Abs. 1 Satz 1 Nr. 2 BauGB should be taken up by 30 June 2015.

4. Declaration about the necessary addition to the Maintenance Statute (*Erhaltungsverordnung*) of a Conversion Statute (*Umwandlungsverordnung*)

Neukölln local council (*Bezirksverordnetenversammlung*) declares that the introduction of maintenance statutes in the areas with preservation statutes protects tenants from luxury modernisations, but not from the shortage of rental accommodation and the associated increases in rent, nor from the conversion to condominiums.

The district office is requested to support a statute about authorisation for conversions in order to maintain the composition of the residential population, and to adopt measures in the Council of Mayors (*Rat der Bürgermeister_innen*) for the introduction by the Land of Berlin of such a conversion statute based on § 172 Abs. 1 Satz 4 BauGB (Issuing of a Statute on Conversions (*Umwandlungsverordnung*)).