

 **PARK SLOPE CIVIC COUNCIL****2010 Annual Forum****The Future of Fourth Avenue****SURVEY RESULTS**

Of more than 175 people who attended the Park Slope Civic Council's 2010 Annual Forum, "The Future of Fourth Avenue," 61 completed surveys made available to participants. This report is the tabulation of the survey results. Note that not all respondents answered all questions.

Many responses to Question Nos. 6 and 7 have been grouped together, as many respondents noted the same challenges (#6) and good things about Fourth Avenue (#7). All items noted by a single respondent have been included as well.

Question #1: What neighborhood do you live in?

Park Slope/Gowanus	46
Sunset Park	4
Boerum Hill	1
Carroll Gardens	1
Cobble Hill	1
Prospect/Lefferts Gardens	1
Manhattan	4
Clinton Hill	1
Fort Greene	1
Windsor Terrace	0
Flatbush	1

Question #2: Do you live or work on or near Fourth Avenue?

Live on	7
Live near	35
Work on	2
Work near	4
Live AND work on/near	7
None of the above	6

Question #3: If you live or work near – but not ON – Fourth Avenue, how far away?

Less than 1 block	21
1 - 3 blocks	15
More than 3 blocks	9
No response	16

Question #4. How do you travel between home and work?

Subway (line)	40	of whom:	
		2/3 Trains	5
		B/Q Trains	5
		D/M/N/R Trains	23
		F/G Trains	7
Walk	8		
Bike	5		
Drive	4		
Run	1		
Bus	0		

Question #5: Where in your neighborhood do you shop for food and household goods?

5th Avenue	21	Fairway	1
C Town	13	Leopoldi's	1
Key Food	12	Save on Fifth	1
7th Avenue	7	8th Avenue (Sunset Park)	1
Park Slope Food Co-Op	5	Myrtle Avenue	1
Pathmark	4	Bedford Avenue	1
Union Market	4	Cortelyou Road	1
9th Street	3	De Kalb Avenue	1
4th Avenue	2	Church Avenue	1
Court Street/Cobble Hill	2	Red Hook	1
Target	1	Costco	1
Associated	1	Lowe's	1

Question #6: What do you think are Fourth Avenue's three biggest challenges/problems?

Traffic speed, volume, congestion	44
Poor design of new buildings	29
Lack of retail options/space; businesses closing	12
Pedestrian safety & environment	10
No trees/lack of green space	8
Lack of public space	4
Dirt, garbage	4
Bicycle safety & environment	3
Parking	3
Empty lots	2
Unsafe conditions (other than traffic)	2
Street flooding	2
Desolate	2
Lack of left turn lanes	1
Park Slope Civic Council shouldn't be involved	1
Noise	1
Pollution	1
Not visually appealing	1
Overpopulation	1
Development incorporating needs of all residents	1
No local bus service	1
"The biggest problem is that Fourth Avenue will probably get sold down the river as it did with zoning exchanged for historic concessions"	1
"What some people want to do with it. Turning Fourth Avenue into a piece of Manhattan."	1
"Potential displacement of people of color"	1
Construction sites not secured	1
Overall appearance	1
Insufficient density	1

**Question #7: What do you think are the three best things about Fourth Avenue?**

Subway service	37
Wide street; potential to be a boulevard; experience of linear street view	16
Diverse businesses	15
Ease of vehicular travel; adjacent to Gowanus Expressway	6
Connects neighborhoods	6
Social diversity	4
Low scale	4
Redevelopment potential	4
Restaurants	3
Churches	3
NYC Marathon	3
Businesses like gas stations as distinct from shops	3
Central location	2
Washington Park	2
Proximity to Lowes, Home Depot	2
Sense of community; community involvement	2
New condo developments	1
Demolition of older buildings	1
People	1
Community garden at Baltic Street	1
Affordable housing	1
Part of Park Slope	1
Fourth Avenue as a blank slate	1
Growing area	1
Historic buildings, e.g. P.S. 133	1
Cab directly to Manhattan	1
Large spaces for businesses	1
Opportunity for new construction without violating neighborhood fabric	1
Parking	1
Convenience	1
Le Hotel Bleu	1
Wide sidewalks that could accommodate foot traffic and cafes	1
Artists living along/near 4th Avenue	1