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We've been getting calls and outreach from Queens residents all day about this.

The community's response? Outrage.

> Amazon will divide its second headquarters evenly between New York's Long Island City and Arlington County's Crystal City neighborhoods. Other cities may also receive major sites. https://t.co/c1lKmeQinX
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> — The Wall Street Journal (@WSJ) November 13, 2018

Amazon is a billion-dollar company. The idea that it will receive hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks at a time when our subway is crumbling and our communities need MORE investment, not less, is extremely concerning to residents here.

When we talk about bringing jobs to the community, we need to dig deep:
- Has the company promised to hire in the existing community?
- What's the quality of jobs + how many are promised? Are these jobs low-wage or high wage? Are there benefits? Can people collectively bargain?

Displacement is not community development. Investing in luxury condos is not the same thing as investing in people and families.

Shuffling working class people out of a community does not improve their quality of life.

We need to focus on good healthcare, living wages, affordable rent. Corporations that offer none of those things should be met w/ skepticism.

It's possible to establish economic partnerships w/ real opportunities for working families, instead of a race-to-the-bottom competition.

Lastly, this isn't just about one company or one headquarters. It's about cost of living, corps paying their fair share, etc.

It's not about picking a fight, either. I was elected to advocate for our community's interests - & they've requested, clearly, to voice their concerns.