



Community Board 7 MANHATTAN

Community Board 7/BCI Committee Hosts Town Hall “Retail Challenges on the Upper West Side”

**Wednesday, April 1st, 6:30-to 8 PM, Kaufman Auditorium
The American Museum of Natural History**

Panel includes property owners George Beane and Glen Siegel, restaurateur Danny Abrams, Retail owner Katie Thompson, retail broker Doug Kleiman and moderator Andrew Rigie

NEW YORK (DATE) – The Business & Consumer Issues Committee (BCI) of Community Board 7/Manhattan is hosting the “Retail Challenges on the Upper West Side” Town Hall on Wednesday, April 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Kaufman Auditorium at the American Museum of Natural History, accessible from the West 77th Street entrance, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. The panel will be made up of two local property owners and long-time Upper West Side residents Glen Siegel, Belvedere Capital, and George Beane, A.R. Walker & Co.; jewelry designer and shop owner Katie Thompson, KT Collection; restaurant owner Danny Abrams, Mermaid Inn and Pizzeria Sironetta; and local retail broker and Community Board 7 Second Vice Chair Doug Kleiman. Moderating the panel will be Community Board 7 First Vice Chair Andrew Rigie. Messrs. Kleiman and Rigie are also members of the BCI Committee.

Attendance to the Town Hall is free, but registration is required at [Eventbrite](#).

The hour long panel discussion will address contributing factors to retail vacancies, issues faced by property owners and small business owners and more. Following the panel discussion will be a 30-minute Q&A with questions submitted by audience members on cards distributed at the beginning of the Town Hall.