

Statement from The Leadership of Equality for Flatbush
Call to Action: Come to The March against White Supremacy and Gentrification in Flatbush on
November 3rd

The following is an excerpt from an email sent to Equality for Flatbush, documenting the behavior of Tim Thomas, *Q at Parkside* blogger, within the PS 38 school community.

"Here are a couple of words that can be used to describe his behavior and character. Many are fearful of challenging him, because, he is the "bully" and a "racist." He continually looks to disrupt our attempt to productively rebuild our community... He has a history of targeting Black women." - Former Parent Leader of PS 38 May 2018

Thank you to the many brave community members who have come forward over the last 2 weeks to share their stories about racial profiling, discrimination, harassment and violence that they have experienced in Brooklyn. Many will be speaking out at the [March against White Supremacy and Gentrification in Flatbush](#) on Saturday, November 3rd. We encourage people to both attend the march and to continue to report racist incidents or send documentation to b4g@equalityforflatbush.org, or to call (646) 820-6039.

Since our founding in 2013, [Equality for Flatbush](#) has documented and responded to reports of acts of racism and racial violence by landlords, developers, and the NYPD, as well as gentrifying restaurant or bar owners and administrators of social media platforms. Over the years, E4F has provided support to the community call to [boycott Summerhill](#), led a campaign to get artist Sam Fein to change the name of her [Entitled Millennial Trust Fund Gallery](#), and fought the illegal eviction of a [Black tenant by white gentrifier Robin French](#). We have also been part of the 4-year struggle to pushback against the [corporate re-branding of Flatbush, East Flatbush and Crown Heights](#) which has included stopping Anti-Black, racist, sexist, pro-gentrification attacks on the Flatbush community by [Tim Thomas, the blogger of Q at Parkside](#).

In our 5-year history, Equality for Flatbush has been unapologetic in our fight against racism, white supremacy, police violence and gentrification. We absolutely believe at its core, **Gentrification is white supremacy**. It is a fact that communities of color are the most targeted and impacted by gentrification globally. It is also a fact that gentrification leads to the permanent displacement of low-to-middle income people and the erasure of the historic cultural character and essence of our communities. **We will never give up fighting for what we hold most dear - saving the cultural, racial, ethnic, linguistic, social and economic diversity of New York City.**

If you believe, as we do, that fighting gentrification, racism, police violence, and white supremacy is a fight that all of us — long-time and new residents, communities of color and white communities, low-income and middle-class people — must be a part of, then come out this Saturday, November 3rd for the [March against White Supremacy and Gentrification in Flatbush](#).

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