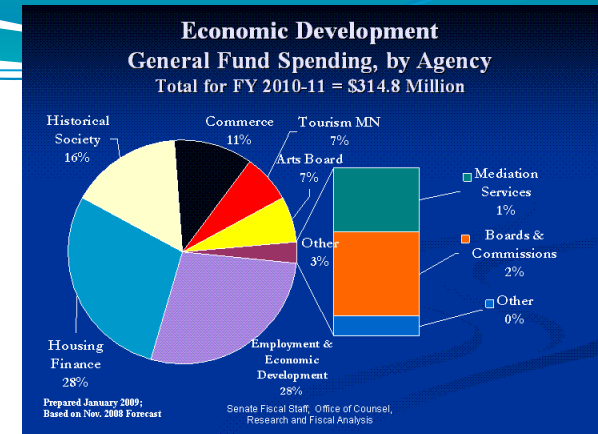
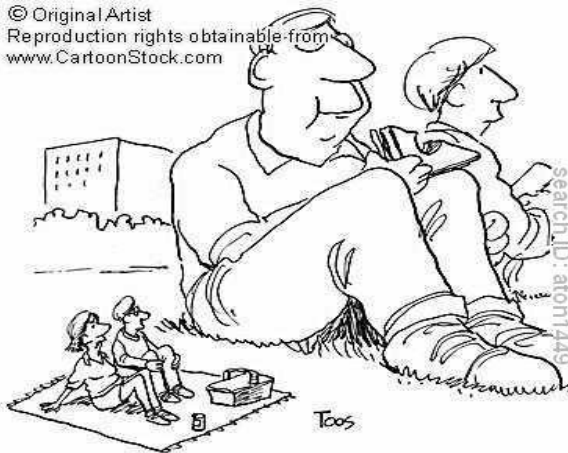


Economic Development



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"You ever get the feeling that this economy
benefits some people more than others?"

By: Hao Lin and Qi Xiang Chen

Background of Amy Chin

- She was born in America and grew up in Bronx.
- Her parents were immigrants from Tai Shan.
- Her father had a laundry, so she helped in the laundry after school.
- She's a consultant in community with over 30 years of experience of Chinese communities nationally and internationally.

Geographic Location

- The city Tai Shan is located at Guang Dong province of China



Occupation

- Currently an appointee to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission.
- Served in many leadership positions as a non-profit executive and is a Trustee for the Theatre Development Fund.



Economic Development

- Since more immigrants came to Chinatown, more people created businesses in Chinatown and competed to sell products at a much lower price.
- People in Chinatown cared more about money than how their actions will impact the future of Chinatown.
- There are not many things to do in Chinatown that would attract more customers.

Amy's Response

- She said that more music, theatres, and performances could be established in Chinatown to attract more customers.
- Since store owners cared more about money, they won't open up to people to show them what Chinatown is really like.
- Amy helped plan an event in Columbus park where residents of Chinatown and other visitors came to the event and a group of restaurants participated in creating box dinners for the guests.

Conclusion

- We learned that competition would lead to a decrease in business and less people would come to Chinatown.
- To reduce competition, we can help businesses by holding events where store owners work together to provide food for customers.
- More arts such as music theatres and performances should be established so that more people would come to Chinatown to see them.