



What is mayor Bakoyannis looking for in our neighborhood?

On Thursday 3/2 the mayor of Athens Costas Bakoyannis visited the neighborhood of Kato Patissia and more specifically Kalliga (Karamanlaki) square. There he met at the Aroma café, which is located in the square, with about 20 residents, real estate owners and shopkeepers. While the meeting was not announced, as soon as he arrived at the store, people from the neighborhood and a group of Rouvikonas members appeared and shouted slogans against him. It did not take more than 5 minutes for so many cops to gather at the spot that all they offered to the neighborhood was an image and a sense of terrorism. We saw all kinds of cops: undercover, OPKE, Drasi, patrols and Dias groups who surrounded the square like an occupying army.

But let's start from the beginning...

Our neighborhood when Bakoyannis came!

We heard that our neighborhoods will be filled with shops, culture, events, tourists, trees, bookstores, artists, beautiful walks and houses,. So far, however, only cops are coming! Just like in any other areas that they were "gentrified" with a similar way.

The same happened in Kypseli, Exarchia, Pagrati and Petralona we soon saw the public space disappear leaving a free 4% -6% for the residents and completely excluding all the groups that did not fit in the dominant image. We saw the rents increase since now we need 300 euros just to stay in a semi-basement without a window. We saw the bosses getting richer by putting tables in all the squares and the tourists in the streets taking the place of the immigrant women.

We believe that a situation like the above will occur in the close future , since we will be forced to move to the suburbs of Athens and come to the center only for work, just like it's being done in many European countries, for years now. Both natural control and repression are accompanied to preserve all of the above and to "cleanse" the image of our neighborhoods.

And if you are still wondering why a mayor and even that of Athens arranges a meeting in secret to talk about neighborhood issues, in a cafe with residents (generally and indefinitely), as he calls them, and of course he does not dare to walk the streets of Patissia alone, without his bodyguards around, the answers were given and they are clear enough.

Bakoyannis may have he remembered Kato Patissia but he is coming to continue the same policy that his predecessors started. Because as long as the State has a continuity, so do the interests of owners and bosses will be expanding even more upon our lives.

Bakoyannis - just like every politician - came to meet his own people, voters and ideologically aligned who agree with his policy, those who want to promote their own interests and put forward whatever plan he has for the neighborhood!

But he knows that we are still here! And we are fighting for our class interests, for our multinational neighborhoods, for the open squares, the squats and all the spaces that fit us all! We build struggle communities, without leaders and experts and we shout that the problem of the city is not the demonstrations, but Bakoyannis and the evictions.

**WE LIVE TOGETHER
WE FIGHT TOGETHER!**

**Ano kato patission squat
Naxou 75 & krassa, Koliatsou square**

