

Big changes planned for Atlanta landmark

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ATLANTA (CBS ATLANTA) - Some private developers have some big plans for City Hall East. Monday Mayor Kasim Reed announced the deal to sell the building to Jamestown developers had been finalized.



"We are very excited about taking what is what is a very treasured historic icon of a building and converting into a dynamic mixed use property with a mix of offices, retail, residential and even recreational areas," said Kathleen Kelley, with Green Street Properties, a firm involved with the project.

The announcement was good news for people tired of the status quo.

"It is an eyesore, it is definitely is an eyesore. It actually cuts off all the sun on this block," said Stacie Reid, a Midtown resident.

The 2 million square foot building has a long and distinguished history. From 1926 to 1987, it was occupied by Sears. From 1990 to 2010, the city of Atlanta owned it. Developers said the building is ready for its third act, a statement many residents agree with.

"It has been a long time coming. Even when it was City Hall East they didn't use the whole building, so it will be great to have something nice for the area," said Reid.

"This part of Ponce is up and coming. We have a big development nearby and I think it would bring a lot more business in the area. I think it would be good for the area, good for the community," said Andrew Valentine, a Midtown resident.