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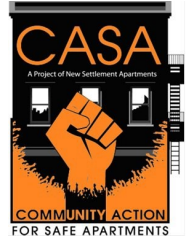
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CASA News



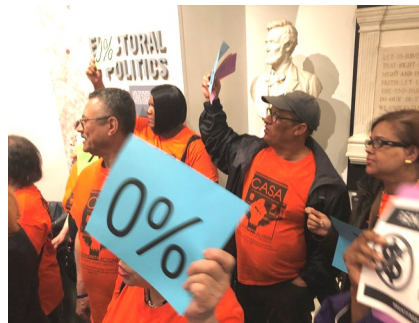
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April-June 2018

Upcoming dates

JUL 18 5:30-8:30PM	Leadership Workshop @ 35 Marcy Place
JUL 26 6:30-8:30PM	No More MCIs Meeting @ 35 Marcy Place
AUG 8 6-8PM	Tenants Rights Night @ 35 Marcy Place
AUG 23 6:30-8:30PM	No More MCIs Meeting @ 35 Marcy Place
SEPT 18 6-8PM	Housing Court Meeting @ 35 Marcy Place
SEPT 20 6-8PM	CASA Gen- eral Meeting @ 1501 Jerome Ave
SEPT 26 6:30-8:30PM	No More MCIs Meeting @ 35 Marcy Place
OCT 16 6-8PM	Housing Court Meeting @ 35 Marcy Place
OCT 19 6-10PM	CASA's 4th Annual Gala @ Hostos College

Tenants Organize to Pressure Rent Guidelines Board for Low Increases



Preliminary Vote of RGB

Bronx RGB Hearing

On June 11th, over 200 tenants from CASA, Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, Banana Kelly CIA and Mothers on the Move, and Fast Food Justice rallied at the Bronx Hearing of the Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) demanding no more rent increases!

The RGB decides how much rent goes up for the 2.5 million rent stabilized tenants in NYC. Every year, CASA organizes with hundreds of tenants across the city to mobilize and fight for affordable rents. We have won two rent freezes and historic low increases that were never seen in the first 48 years of the RGB history.

Rents Displacing Tenants

Hundreds of tenants across the city testified about the need for a rent freeze.

Landlords continued to make profits through years of rent freezes and low increases by using

loopholes like Major Capita Improvements (MCIs), Individual Apartment Improvements (IAs), and preferential rents to keep burdening tenants while denying us services.

Rezoning Affecting Rents

The rent adjustments established by the RGB are more important now than ever. These increases will make rents even more unaffordable when added to the many other tactics that landlords use to increase rents now that the Jerome Ave rezoning has passed. Landlords are adding pressure on tenants by not providing services, repairs and through harassment.

Our next big fight now in the Jerome Ave rezoning is to stop future displacement. We need

everyone to get involved so fight for the future of our neighborhood!

Final Vote

Because of the testimony from CASA and other tenant groups across the city, the RGB voted for a 1.5 % increase for 1 year leases and 2.5 % increase for 2 year leases.



Bronx Public Hearing of RGB



Preliminary Hearing of RGB

Contact Yeraldi 718-716-8000 ext 117 or
y.perez@newsettlement.org to get involved!

CASA's Fourth Annual Gala

CASA will host our fourth annual gala on:
Friday, October 19, 6-10pm
Hostos Community College
475 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY
CASA members tickets are \$15 and are available
for purchase at CASA events and online at :
www.newsettlement.org/casa/gala



Tenant Association Highlights

Organizing Gets 1090 University Ave Repairs

With over 244 HPD violations in their 24 unit building, tenants took action immediately by sending a letter to their landlord demanding these conditions be addressed. In March, they held a press conference and rally with elected officials to make that demand public. Since then, tenants have won building-wide repairs, received a new management company, a new common area, new windows, and are receiving fumigation for the extermination of rodents twice a month.



1555 Grand Concourse Fight for Human Rights

1555 Grand Concourse tenants began organizing when a new landlord, Pistilli Realty, bought their building and started an aggressive campaign to evict tenants. With assistance from Bronx Legal Services, they are taking their landlord to court for repairs and to stop harassment from their new management, and they are fighting discriminatory evictions with the Mayor's office of the Commission for Human Rights.

Leadership in the Face of Harassment at 1212 Grand Concourse

1215 Grand Concourse tenants are organizing against Stabilizing NYC target landlord David David. Despite senior management going to tenants' doors to convince them not to organize, they have created a powerful tenant association by sending two letters to their landlord and winning repairs in a successful meeting with management. The bonds that tenant leaders have built allow them to withstand all challenges!



Making Right to Counsel Work for Bronx Tenants

CASA and Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition organized the Bronx Right to Counsel (RTC) Townhall on April 12 at Monroe College as part of a city-wide effort to inform tenants of this new right and tool to fight displacement. Over 100 tenants attended and almost 20 organizations staffed a resource fair! Right to Counsel creates an opportunity to fight back against landlords

and take bold action, like rent strikes or 7A cases, knowing that attorneys will have our backs! This law will be in full effect in 2022. In May, members of the housing court campaign met with tenants from Brooklyn who also have been working for years to reform housing court and agreed to



CASA exchange with Brooklyn tenants

join forces to make collective demands to the Office of Court Administration!

Contact Pablo 718-716-8000 ext 243 or p.estupinan@newsettlement.org to get involved!

Leadership Spotlight



CASA Members Take the Lead!

So many CASA members have already stepped up to take leadership this year that we want to shout out some of those who have made calls, handed out flyers, made banners, facilitated at a workshop, spoke at press conferences and hearings and inspired others to fight for housing justice!

- ◇ Ana Santiago
- ◇ Benita Ramos
- ◇ Deborah Dowie
- ◇ Ervin Bennett
- ◇ George Sotiroff
- ◇ Guillermina De Jesus
- ◇ Jackie Mashack
- ◇ James Hammond
- ◇ Jose Ponce
- ◇ Juanita Vasquez
- ◇ Maranda Mullins
- ◇ Mireya Chavez
- ◇ Ram Bhul
- ◇ Shelley Olivari

We thank our incredible members for all their leadership and support to build CASA's POWER!

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