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**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\***

***Assemblymember Victor Pichardo, Legal Aid, NWBCC, and Tenants  
To Call on City To Save Deteriorating Rent-Stabilized Building in The  
Bronx***

**(Bronx, New York)**—Assemblymember Victor Pichardo, The Legal Aid Society, NWBCC, and Tenants of 2201-2205 Davidson Ave., a 49 unit Rent-Stabilized building located in the Bronx neighborhood of University Heights, will convene on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to call on the City of New York to immediately re-start the process that will put their building into the Third Party-Transfer (“TPT”) program and establish responsible social ownership over the building.

Tenants have long suffered from years of neglectful ownership. Over the decades, the “owners” of 2201-2205 Davidson Ave., have racked up an astonishing \$12.6 million in unpaid property taxes, at the expense of New York City taxpayers while allowing hundreds of Housing Maintenance Code violations to persist at the property.

Residents of 2201-2205 Davidson Ave. have routinely faced dangerous lead paint in their apartments, severe unresolved leaks, black mold, vermin infestations, hot water outages and a lack of regular maintenance. Currently there are 228 HPD Violations including 119 “C” “immediately hazardous” violations, 63 “B” “hazardous” violation, in addition to Department of Buildings Violations for the elevator.

**WHAT:** Rally and press conference urging the City of New York to immediately re-start the In Rem foreclosure process to allow 2201-2205 Davidson Ave to be transferred to the Third Party-Transfer (“TPT”) program.

**WHO: Assemblymember Victor Pichardo, The Legal Aid Society, NWBCC, and Tenants of 2201-2205 Davidson Ave. in the Bronx**

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**WHERE:** 2201-2205 Davidson Ave., Bronx NY

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