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MEDIA ADVISORY

Bronx Tenants from Fire-Ravaged Buildings to Hold Press Conference Demanding City Action

Displaced Residents of 2910 Wallace Avenue and Other Ved Parkash Buildings Call on the City to Let Them Return Home

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, on behalf of displaced tenants of 2910 Wallace Avenue and 1420 Noble Avenue, along with elected officials and housing justice advocates will hold a press conference demanding the City of New York take immediate emergency action to require the notorious landlord Ved Parkash to complete repairs so that displaced tenants can return to their homes.

July marks six months since over 250 families were forced out of 2910 Wallace Avenue following a devastating fire. Many remain in shelters or unstable housing as Parkash has failed to make necessary repairs. Tenants from 1420 Noble Avenue—another Parkash-owned building with an active vacate order since 2023—will also speak out.

WHO: Displaced tenants of 2910 Wallace Avenue and 1420 Noble Avenue, The Legal Aid Society, Assembly Member John Zaccaro and other elected officials, as well as housing justice advocates.

WHEN: Thursday, July 10, 2025, 11 AM

WHERE: In front of 2910 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, NY

WHY: Ved Parkash has a long track record of negligence and tenant endangerment. The City must intervene, complete repairs, and ensure these families can finally return home with dignity and safety.

Background:

Since 2023, three buildings owned by Ved Parkash have caught fire—2910 Wallace Avenue, 1420 Noble Avenue, and 735-745 East 242nd Street (where two tenants died). In 2015, Parkash was named the city's worst landlord by then-Public Advocate Letitia James. Despite this history, hundreds of families remain displaced without a clear timeline for return.

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