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***Legal Aid Files Objection on Behalf of Union of Pinnacle Tenants, Calling for Halt to Sale of Neglected Buildings***

**(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society, representing the Union of Pinnacle Tenants (UPT), filed formal objections in federal bankruptcy court opposing the proposed sale of more than 90 residential buildings owned by Broadway Realty I Co., LLC — the lead debtor entity for Joel Wiener's Pinnacle Group — citing years of severe neglect and the devastating toll on thousands of tenants.**

UPT represents tenants living in buildings plagued by chronic disrepair, including persistent lack of heat and hot water, mold, vermin infestations, fire damage, broken elevators, and unsafe electrical and plumbing conditions. Across the portfolio, there are more than 6,300 open Housing Maintenance Code violations, nearly 2,000 of them immediately hazardous, forcing families to endure unsafe and unlivable conditions while their landlord seeks court approval to sell the properties.

The filing objects to the proposed sale to Summit Gold Inc. unless and until tenants and the Court receive meaningful proof that the buyer has the financial capacity, experience, and commitment to bring the buildings into compliance and maintain safe, habitable housing. Tenants are seeking to block approval of the sale or, at minimum, delay it for at least 30 days to allow for full disclosure and review of the buyer's qualifications and repair plans.

“The tenants have already paid the price of this owner’s neglect with their health, safety, and dignity,” said **Edward Josephson, Supervising Attorney in the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “Any bankruptcy plan should be carefully vetted to avoid repeating the cycle of overleveraging, disrepair and displacement.”

UPT’s objection joins filings by several other objectors — the [City of New York](#), the [New York State Attorney General](#), law firms [Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP](#) and [Morrison & Foerster LLP](#), and Brooklyn Legal Services — all raising serious concerns about the feasibility and fairness of the proposed transaction.

The confirmation hearing on the proposed sale is currently scheduled for January 15, 2026.

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