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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Bronx tenants in two buildings go to court, speak out about unsafe conditions under landlord David Kleiner

Tenants will speak about lack of repairs and security concerns

BRONX, N.Y. – Rent-stabilized tenants living at 337-341 E 146 Street and 705 Gerard Avenue will hold a rally and speak with reporters on Thursday afternoon to announce legal action against landlord David Kleiner. According to the NYC Department of Housing and Preservation Development, there are 540 open housing code violations across the three buildings. Kleiner was previously featured on the city's "worst landlord" list and owns 1915 Billingsley Terrace, the Bronx building that collapsed in 2023.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS: [Google Drive link here](#) with photos of conditions in each building

WHAT: 30 min rally / press conference. Remarks from tenants, attorneys, and elected officials

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 4pm

(Interviews will be possible immediately before and after the rally, and building visits will be available by appointment earlier in the day - contact CASA for details)

WHERE: In front of Bronx Housing Court, 1118 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY

WHO: 20-30 people including building residents and community members joining in support. Lawyers from the Legal Aid Society and Urban Justice Center's Safety Net Project representing the tenants in court. Staff from the offices of Rep. Ritchie Torres and AM Amanda Septimo

In recent years, residents in both buildings have dealt with persistent issues relating to a lack of repairs, heat, and hot water, as well as trespassing and drug use in their buildings' common areas. With the support of New Settlement's membership-led tenant organizing program, Community Action for Safe Apartments (CASA), both have formed tenants associations and begun to demand better building management services.

Tenants at 337-341 E 146 Street filed a court case represented by The Legal Aid Society, and their first court appearance will be on the morning of Friday June 5th. Tenants at 705 Gerard Avenue have recently retained the Urban Justice Center's Safety Net Project to take action against their landlord in court.

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