MEDIA ADVISORY
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97 & 99 CLAY STREET TENANTS RALLY TO DEMAND END TO YEAR OF UNSAFE CONSTRUCTION AND LACK OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Tenants fight to keep their affordable homes: dealing with over a year of alleged harassment in the form of: lack of heat & hot water, cascading leaks, excessive debris, etc. The buildings have 169 Housing Code Violations and several building violations.

WHAT: Rent stabilized tenants from 97 and 99 Clay, Greenpoint, Brooklyn and North Brooklyn Community Groups will rally in front of their landlords’ known address to demand safe apartments and the end of disruptive, unsafe, and aggressive construction.

WHEN: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:00 pm

WHERE: 199 Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

WHO: Clay Street Tenants, St. Nicks Alliance

About 97 and 99 Clay Street: a cluster of four buildings with a total of 25 apartments units, however there are only 5 tenants left. These buildings are in the Greenpoint in Brooklyn, a heavily gentrified area that is a ground zero of displacement for long term rent stabilized tenants.

The properties were purchased in 2014 by LJC Towers LLC. For more than a year, tenants have had to live with aggressive, disruptive, and unsafe construction in the surrounding vacant apartments and public halls. They have also had to suffer the lack of heat, hot water, mailboxes, and other essential services, in addition to cascading leaks, excessive debris, and alleged harassment. Currently there are 169 Housing Conde Violations and several NYC Dept. of Buildings’ violations (such as removing of fireproofing )that resulted in several stop work orders.

Tenants are demanding to end these disruptive and unsafe conditions and return to the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of their rent stabilized apartments.

About 199 Lee Avenue; this is the store front for a 1000+ LLCs that own and manage several properties in North Brooklyn. “[the] 3,500-square-foot structure at 199 Lee Avenue is legendary … has one LLC
for every 2.5 square feet of space. … A photo posted by the City Council captured the bizarre scene: more than 350 brass mailboxes inside a cramped space,” reported Real Deal on February 9, 2016.

The tenants from 97 and 99 Clay, along with local and city wide organizations are rallying in front of this location to bring light to the issue that tenants like the ones from 97 and 99 Clay can’t reach their landlords directly.

**About St. Nicks Alliance:** St. Nicks Alliance began providing services to neighborhood tenants in 1975. This community organization serves as a catalyst to improve the quality of life for Williamsburg and Greenpoint residents by addressing economic, educational, health, housing, and social needs while preserving the vibrant and diverse character of the community, particularly for low- and moderate-income residents. For residents having problems with their landlords, we offer counseling by our experienced professionals, along with monthly drop-in workshops and other empowerment opportunities for renters. We are dedicated to the empowerment of community residents.