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### Housing Committee Minutes December 7, 2010, 7:00pm Board Office 1664 Park Avenue New York, NY 10035

- Present:** Alvin Johnson, Carmen Villegas, Peggy Morales, Olga Ambert, Nina Saxon, Candy Vasquez and Lee Chong
- Excused:** JoAnn Lawson, Tasha Williams
- Absent:** Antonio Rivera, Laura Benitez, Keith Massey and Jonathan Carrillo
- Guests:** Teresa Richardson, Audrey Quantano, Monique Holloway, Aarah Eley, Daisy Jones, Cathy Madison

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Committee Chair Alvin Johnson

#### Discussions and Presentations

##### I. 2049 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Tenants Association status report

Audrey Quantano, President of 2049 5<sup>th</sup> T.A., came before the Housing Committee to give a report and the history of 2049 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. T.A. Ms. Quantano informed the committee that 2049 had been in the TIL (Tenant Interim Leasing) program since 1999 and that they were taken out of the program without just cause in 2008. Ms. Quantano stated that although the Tenants Association was never given the proper technical assistance from UHAB or HPD they met the requirements to stay in the TIL program.

Ms. Quantano gave the housing committee a letter from HPD dated March 28, 2008 informing 2049 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue the (4) reasons why they were taken out of the TIL program

1. poor collection of rent
2. lack of monthly financial reports
3. no proof of tenant meetings ( or submission of minutes)
4. non- functional repair and maintenance committee.

2049 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue T.A. Has given the Housing Committee financial records for their building while they were in the TIL program from 2005 - 2007 and part of 2008 until they were taken out of TIL. The financial reports clearly shows that 2049 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. T.A. collected rents on a monthly basis, had monthly financial reports and had a functioning repair and maintenance committee.

**The Housing Committee voted unanimously to draft of a letter asking that 2049 5th Avenue be removed from the UDAAP process on the grounds that HPD should not have removed the building from the TIL program. Motion was made by Peggy Morales, seconded by Olga Ambert.**

### **New/Old Business**

Ms. Monique Holloway came before the committee to inform us that she had been chosen for (2) apartment lotteries at Colon Plaza and The Tapestry and was turned down because she was put on a “housing blacklist”. Ms Holloway presented the committee court documents showing that she was paying her portion of the rent and that section 8 stopped paying their portion of the rent until her landlord made the necessary repairs to her apartment. Candy Vasquez said she would work with Ms. Holloway and the application process at Colon Plaza.

### **Announcements**

None

### **Adjournment**

Peggy Morales made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Olga Ambert and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm