



January 13, 2016

Ira Gluckman  
Borough Commissioner  
210 Joralemon Street, 8th Floor  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Commissioner Gluckman:

As the elected representatives of central Brooklyn, we write with grave concern regarding the construction permitting processes of 85 Eastern Parkway, a building located in the neighborhood of North Crown Heights.

The City of New York is in the midst of a housing crisis that continues to worsen as we combat homelessness, illegal tactics, and practices by landlords such as tenant harassment and displacement. Our collective priorities as elected representatives are to ensure that all New Yorkers can continue to reside in the communities where they have cultivated longstanding roots.

It is distressing to hear from the Tenants Association of 85 Eastern Parkway, the unscrupulous practice of illegal apartment conversions in a bid to remove rent stabilized apartments from rent rolls.

As the borough of Brooklyn undergoes significant change, we remain committed to stemming tenant harassment and displacement. We will not tolerate any attempt by landlords to subvert rent regulations or manipulate tenants' rights to unfairly raise rents.

We are aware of the history of incidences at this property. We request a meeting between you, our offices and representatives from the Tenants Association to discuss the current situation with Department of Buildings.

As you know, the preservation of affordable housing stock is crucial to protecting affordability in our city, and is of the utmost importance to ourselves and the current city administration. This is why we are seeking a meeting to discuss the auditing process.

We would like to schedule this meeting as soon as possible, please contact Joseph Yanis at 718-596-0100 or [yanisj@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:yanisj@assembly.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter T. Mosley".

Hon. Walter T. Mosley  
Member

New York State Assembly, 57<sup>th</sup> AD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie A. Cumbo".

Laurie A. Cumbo  
Member

New York City Council, 43<sup>rd</sup> CD