

October 21, 2003

Jerilyn Perrine
Commissioner
Department of Housing, Preservation and Development
100 Gold Street
New York, NY 10038

Re: Tenant Interim Lease Program

Dear Commissioner Perrine:

We wish to congratulate your Department on the expected completion of the Tenant Interim Leasing Program (TIL) in the Clinton neighborhood of our Board area.

At our recent Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee meeting on September 8, 2003, we were pleased to host the officers and some members of the 316 West 47th Street Tenant's Association who reported on their 20 year pursuit of renovating this building, and their plans to ultimately purchase 13 individual units at the cost of \$250 per unit. Evidently they were the first building in Clinton to enter the TIL Program in 1983 and are the last building in Clinton to complete all the necessary phases. We congratulate them on their tenacity and ability to pursue their goals diligently. They expect the building to be sold in February 2004 at which time they will be able to purchase their individual apartments.

They cited the enormous assistance given them by your Department during their participation in the TIL program. They particularly cited Rufus Harvey for his guidance and assistance through the years as well as other staff including John Musco, TIL Program Director; Millie Velez, Director of Operations; Willie Keskinen, Technical Services Director; Ray Mendez, TIL Coordinator; Ann Marie Hendrickson, Assistant Commissioner of DAMP; and Mary Marcellin, Bureau Chief.

We are proud to have been of some assistance to this Tenants Association via our Board's TIL Taskforce, which brought together a number of other residents of TIL buildings in our area to share ideas and their experiences in negotiating the TIL process. Our Board supports your continuing the Tenant Interim Leasing Program in other areas

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of New York City with the expectations of as much success as had been accomplished within Manhattan Community Board No. 4.

Sincerely,



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