

Participating in the ST-PCV Tenants Association's Telephone Town Hall

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On Sunday, December 18, I participated in a Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village (ST-PCV) Tenants Association (TA) Telephone Town Hall. The hour and fifteen minute event focused on residents' questions about the TA's recently announced proposal to partner with Brookfield Asset Management on a tenant-led, non-eviction conversion plan that would protect current residents and help preserve the middle-class character of this historic community. Nearly 25 questions were answered by Meredith Kane from Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; Alex Rubin from Moelis & Co.; Jonathan Moore from Brookfield Asset Management; TA President Al Doyle; New York City Councilmember Dan Garodnick; New York State Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh and myself. The call was kicked off by New York's senior U.S. Senator Charles Schumer.

In addition to answering questions, I voiced my continued support for tenants' rights and for maintaining ST-PCV as a haven for middle-class New Yorkers. I will continue to work with my colleagues in government, the TA and stakeholders as the conversion plan evolves.