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Susan Steinberg, a neighborhood activist, tenant leader, and advocate for social and environmental justice, has been a pillar of the Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village (ST-PCV) community in which she has lived for more than three decades.

For many of her approximately 25,000 ST-PCV neighbors, she is the face of the 110-building complex's Tenants Association (TA), which fights to protect the rights and well-being of the tenants, and to preserve ST-PCV as a bastion of the middle class for generations to come. She is currently the TA Chair and has served on its board since 1997, knocking on doors, making phone calls, organizing rallies and petition drives, lobbying legislators, writing letters and statements, participating in countless strategy meetings, and much more.

A true leader in every sense of the word, Ms. Steinberg is perhaps best known for skillfully moderating virtually every public meeting the TA has held over the past 16 years – not an easy task, given the thousands of concerned residents as well as federal, state and local elected officials who routinely attend.

A quintessential volunteer, Ms. Steinberg gives her time and talents to various community organizations. She is a longtime member of Manhattan Community Board 6 and currently serves as vice chair of its Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee. She is also a public member of Manhattan Community Board 3,

and sits on its Con Edison Task Force. In addition, in the early 2000s, Ms. Steinberg joined the local organizing effort to stop the expansion of Con Edison's East River Power Plant and was elected president of the East River Environmental Coalition, the non-profit organization formed to lead the community opposition.

A hard worker and natural leader, Ms. Steinberg engenders the trust and respect of all who work with her. For the many ways she contributes to her community, she is truly a woman of distinction.