



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING,
CONSTRUCTION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Rent regulation and tenant protection legislation.

PURPOSE: To examine the status of rent regulation and tenant protection laws across New York State and various related legislative proposals.

Brooklyn

Medgar Evers College

Thursday

May 16, 2019

1:00-8:00 PM

1650 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Decent affordable housing is one of the most fundamental human needs. However, far too many New Yorkers are burdened by skyrocketing rents, unsafe living conditions, and other conditions that destabilize individual households and entire communities.

The state's rent regulation laws, which apply throughout New York City and in certain localities in Nassau, Westchester, and Rockland Counties are scheduled to expire and must be renewed by June 15, 2019. In the past, the legislature and the Governor have enacted renewal legislation with only modest changes, leaving in place many provisions that limit the effectiveness of the laws. This year, a wide range of bills have been proposed to strengthen tenant protections and expand the geographic scope of the laws, and to enact protections to supplement those offered by the rent laws. The Senate Committee on Housing, Construction, and Community Development is holding a series of public hearings to take testimony from New Yorkers with an interest in these matters, to inform the legislative process.

Those wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the attached reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be completed and returned so that potential witnesses may be notified in the event of emergency, postponement, or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes, with additional time at the Committee's discretion to respond to any questions Senators may have. In the event a large number of witnesses wish to testify, the Committee may reduce the 10 minute time limit, to permit more participants. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times, but can offer no guarantees. Requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. If translation services are needed, please email the Committee staff person below.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. In addition, the Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements, in PDF or similar digital format.

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**Senator Brian Kavanagh, Chair
Committee on Housing, Construction, and Community Development**

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible, and no later than 12 P.M. on Thursday, May 16th and email it to:

Cleveland Stair, Legislative Associate
Senate Standing Committee on Housing, Construction, and Community Development
Email: stair@nysenate.gov

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Please check all that apply:

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- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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