



November 19, 2025

Hon. Molly Park
Commissioner
New York City Department of Social Services
33 Beaver Street, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Dear Commissioner Park,

We write to request that the New York City Department of Social Services (“DSS”) allow, if not already allowed, legal service providers under the Right to Counsel grant to provide representation to any tenant at the Fulton Elliott Chelsea NYCHA development (“FEC”) who has been sued in Supreme Court. While we support the goals of the RAD/PACT Fulton Elliott-Chelsea Redevelopment project, to ensure the long-term success of this project it is essential that the relocation and conversion process proceed in a manner that protects tenants, upholds their rights, and avoids unnecessary harm.

FEC is currently going through a RAD/PACT conversion where the plan is to redevelop both campuses and rebuild replacement buildings along with additional mixed income housing. As part of the project, NYCHA is working to relocate tenants from two buildings on the campuses to other apartments in FEC.

At least 17 tenants have refused to relocate for a variety of reasons and NYCHA has commenced administration termination of tenancy proceedings where tenants are eligible for right to counsel representation. However, NYCHA has also commenced Supreme Court actions where they are seeking the court to order tenants to relocate under the terms of their lease.

We think it is important that tenants in these Supreme Court actions, many of whom are elderly, have legal representation to assert their rights, assess their risk and, where appropriate, demand accommodations if a tenant needs such to relocate.

Tenants have already been sued and NYCHA is filing motions in these cases so we ask that DSS respond to this request in an expedited manner and notify the legal services organizations who receive Right to Counsel funding that these cases will be covered by this grant.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Carl Wilson in Council Member Bottcher's office who will facilitate communication for the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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