"Creating real affordable housing for the 43rd Assembly District is my number one priority."

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is committed to improving the quality of life for renters and homeowners throughout our community!

The New York State Assembly passed the Rent Act of 2015. This legislation entails the following:

- All rent control and rent stabilization laws are renewed for 4 years, until June 15, 2019.
- Allowable rent increases for Major Capital Improvements (MCIs) for rent stabilized apartments were reduced and now cannot be billed as surcharges.
- Penalties for harassment by landlords have been increased to approximately $1000.

This final bill does not address several of the concerns affecting the residents of the 43rd Assembly District, such as:

- Repealing Vacancy Decontrol, which would prevent the loss of thousands of additional regulated units.
- Raising the rent stabilization cap to $3500 as mentioned in the Assembly version of the Rent Stabilization bill, this bill raises the cap to $2700 from $2500, which is a measly increase of $200.
- Closing loopholes used by landlords to seek rent hikes through Major Capital Improvements (MCIs).

As a result, Assembly member Richardson **voted against** the final legislation because it **did not** protect the tenants of our district, nor did it address the concerns that plague our community. She will continue the fight for stronger regulations on rent-stabilized apartments in the 2016 legislative session.

In addition, Assemblymember Richardson **will not support** out of control property taxes that threaten stable homeownership. Homeownership remains a fundamental building block of the American dream.

"I will do whatever is necessary to make sure that the residents of the 43rd Assembly District prosper. Housing is a right, a basic necessity, and fundamental to that goal."

– Assemblymember Diana C. Richardson

Knowledge is power. Free resources are available to help protect you from tenant harassment and other issues facing residents of the 43rd Assembly District. For more information, contact our office, or one of these organizations:

Flatbush Development Corporation
1616 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-859-3800

Brooklyn Housing & Family Services
415 Albemarle Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11218
718-435-7585

Neighborhood Housing Services
2806 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-469-4679 or 718-469-7700

Crown Heights Tenant Union
One Metrotech Center North, 11th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
www.crownheightstenantunion.org
212-479-3358

New York Communities for Change
One Metrotech Center North, 11th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
www.nycommunities.org
Crown Heights Chapter – 631-691-9565

Flatbush Tenants Coalition
https://flatbushtenantcoalition.wordpress.com/
347-470-8292

Tenants and Neighbors
http://www.tenantsandneighbors.org/
212-608-4320

Legal Help

Legal Aid Society
141 Livingston St., 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201
http://www.legal-aid.org/en/civil/civilpractice/housingpractice.aspx
1-800-649-9125

CAMBA
19 Winthrop St., Brooklyn, New York 11225
http://www.camba.org/
718-287-2600

Housing Court Answers
141 Livingston St., Brooklyn NY, 11201
http://cwtfhc.org/
212-962-4795

South Brooklyn Legal Services
105 Court St., 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201
http://www.sbls.org/index.php?s=GetHelp
718-237-5500

Government Agencies

Division of Housing and Community Renewal (State)
55 Hanson Pl., Room 702, Brooklyn, New York 11217
http://www.nyshcr.org/
1-866-275-3427

Housing Preservation and Development (City)
Call 311 to report violations
210 Joralemon St., Room 806, Brooklyn, NY 11201
http://www.nyc.gov/hpd

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