

RTCNYC Tool 5.2 Sample Agenda for Right to Counsel Presentations

One of the ways we secured support for Right to Counsel was by presenting to community boards in New York City. Community boards are local representative bodies in New York City that vote on local matters and serve as advisors to the mayoral administration. After we presented to and connected with community boards, several community boards drafted and circulated letters endorsing Right to Counsel. Once we had resolutions from a good number of community boards, we issued a press release and blasted social media targeting the Mayor to increase pressure and awareness about the growing support for Right to Counsel. Below is a sample agenda for a short presentation on Right to Counsel that can be used in different spaces. See a sample presentation here.. These presentations are designed for meetings where you only have a few minutes to speak. You can quickly and clearly introduce your coalition, make the case for Right to Counsel, and end with an ask for support.

Right to Counsel Presentation [Date] [Location]

<u>Presenters</u>: It is a good idea to bring organizers, tenant leaders, and attorneys who live in the community board to your presentation to talk about different aspects of RTC.

<u>Agenda</u>:

- 1. Quick introduction of RTCNYC Coalition and attendees [1 min]
- 2. Context of RTC [7-8 min]
 - a. Values at stake
 - b. Tenant stories / how RTC affects our communities/clients
 - c. Key facts about RTC
- 3. Asking for Resolution in support [1 min]
- 4. Questions? [5 min]