

Right To Counsel Press Conference and Postcard Delivery Rally

1. Welcome

11am

Good Morning Everyone!!!! I said Good Morning!!! We are here today because we know what we need. It's been two months since hundreds of tenants attended a powerful and amazing hearing where the support for Right to Counsel was unanimous. 78 people testified in support of Right to Counsel. No one testified in opposition. 42 Council members support this. 3 Borough Presidents have actively supported it. The comptroller and Public Advocate support it. It will pay for itself AND save the city \$300 million. And yet, we don't have it yet! That aint right!!!

We are here today to urge the mayor to step into this opportunity to make our city a city where tenants are protected, supported, defended and LOVED. We are here today to say NOW IS THE TIME to stop unjust evictions! We cannot let one more unjust eviction happen on our watch. Not now. Now is a time to define who we are as a city.

Today we are delivering 7,000 signatures to the mayor and speaker, urging them to take this historic step, and to take it boldly. Today we are also here to let the mayor and speaker know that faith is on our side.

2. Faith Leader 1

11:05 am

- *Deliver Faith Letter*
- *MC: I now want to bring up a tenant leader X from X*

3. Tenant Leader X (Spanish)

11:07 am

- *Thank you X. I now want to bring up our bill sponsor, Council Member Mark Levine!*
- *CHANTS*

4. CM Levine

11:10 am

- *Thank you CM Levine! I now want to bring up the bill's co-sponsor, Council Member Vanessa Gibson!*

5. CM Gibson

11:13 am

- *Thank you CM Gibson! I now want to bring up the state director of the AARP.*

6. Speaker, AARP

11:16 am

- *Thank you, now we want to bring up Tenant Leader Y from Y!*
- *CHANTS*

7. Tenant Leader Y (English)

11:19 am

- *Thank you Y! I now want to bring up Tenant Leader Z from Z!*
- *CHANTS*

8. Tenant Leader Z (Mandarin)

11:22 am

- *Thank you Z! I now want to bring up Tenant Leader A from A!*

9. Tenant Leader A (French/Creole)

11:25 am

- *Thank you A! I now want to bring up Tenant Leader B!*
- **CHANTS**

10. **Tenant Leader B (Arabic)** **11:28 am**

11. **CFTH** **11:31 am**

12. **Rabbi** **11:34 am**

13. **Closing:** **11:38 am**

- *Now is the time. The city can't wait. Tenants can't wait. We are ready to win! Are you ready to win?! Are you ready to change tenant power in this city? Are we ready to fight to make this our city? Whose city?! Our city! Ok folks, so what's now going to happen is that the people with the bags are going to go inside city hall to deliver the postcards to the mayor and a copy to the speaker. Ok.*
- *The rest of us are going to stay here, and cheer them on. When they come back out of city hall, we will chant:*
Whose city?! Our city?
OK? Sound good?
So to send them off we need to chant

To Do:

- Create Chant Sheet
- Follow up with City Hall Security
- Follow up with/confirm speakers
- Organize copies of postcards
- Organize clear plastic bags and distribute postcards
- Reminder email to folks about bringing postcards and two copies
- Signs
- Identify/confirm the people who will deliver the bags