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## Proposed Rent Increase

Dear Tenant:

We wanted to alert you that in the next few days you will receive a package from the landlord containing his submission to DHCR for a rent increase.

The landlord is arguing that even as we negotiate a conversion to individual tenant ownership of apartments (and continued affordable rentals for those who choose not to buy), he has not raised rents in few years (in part because of our ongoing negotiations) and a significant one is now required simply to meet what he claims are rising operating expenses for the building.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS SIMPLY THE OPENING SALVO IN WHAT WILL BE A LONG PROCESS.**

DHCR has scheduled a public meeting on the request for June 12, 10:00am at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. There is also a 30 day period for public comments prior to that meeting.

DHCR has indicated to us that they are not inclined to review this rent increase by itself, and have indicated that , instead, they would do so in the broader context of the conversion program and the overall affordability for tenants under that plan.

Meanwhile, be assured that, as your tenants association, we will vigorously fight this proposed increase.

We will schedule a tenants meeting in the next few days to discuss our strategy and to discuss your concerns further.