

# IHTA

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**From:** IHTA Board

**To:** IHTA Members

**Via:** Door-Drop, Glass Case, E-mail

**Subject:** Schedule for Next Two Weeks

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Dear Tenants:

If you were not able to attend last Thursday's tenant meeting in the church or a follow-up meeting in the Community Room this past Saturday, you can still hear the presentation and ask questions during two more follow-up presentations, to be held in the Island House Community Room, on **Wednesday, September 16, at 7:30 pm, and on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:30 pm.**

We have included in the attached package (available at the doorstation) the conversion proposal, which we have negotiated with the landlord (the sponsor of the conversion plan) and the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) on the key terms for him to convert the building into a condop — where those who wish to purchase their apartments will be able to do so at affordable prices, and those who choose to remain as affordable renters will have that choice as well.

We are seeking your input in a ballot vote, on September 25 and 26, recommending whether or not the Island House Tenants Association (IHTA) Board should sign this proposal, which does not commit any tenant to anything. The IHTA Board, DHCR and the sponsor want to make sure that in expending further time and money to move this matter forward, we are doing so with the clear support of the tenancy. We will follow procedures similar to IHTA board elections, and ballot boxes will be available for several hours in the Island House Community Room as well as provisions for proxy votes for those out of the building during that period.

In addition to the follow-up presentations in the Island House Community Room, we will also be available at lobby tables in the run-up to the vote, per the schedule below:

## **Lobby Tables**

Tues, Sept 15, 5 pm to 8 pm

Sat, Sept 19, 10 am to 2 pm

Sun, Sept 20, 2 pm to 5 pm

It's important to emphasize, again, that the purpose of this vote will be simply to advise us whether you wish the proposal to proceed to the next stage. All of our rights, both individually as tenants and collectively as IHTA, are expressly reserved as we move forward.

**IMPORTANT: We need as many tenants as possible to vote! A substantial majority vote will clearly signal to IHTA whether or not you want us to move forward. Please tell your friends and neighbors to vote!**

We're looking forward to working with all tenants at this exciting moment in our goal of protecting our homes.