

Resolution

in Support of Preserving and Strengthening Rent Regulations (Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974)

April 21, 2011

WHEREAS, all middle-class New Yorkers and especially rent-regulated tenants have been hard hit by the 2008 recession and its continuing aftermath; and

WHEREAS, New York City continues to lose affordable rent regulated units; and

WHEREAS, provisions of the rent regulation laws have eroded tenant rights and protections over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS repeal of vacancy decontrol has led to 300,000 to 400,000 units losing their rent protections annually; and

WHEREAS, the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club supports the right of hard working middle-class New Yorkers to live and raise a family in their home communities; and

WHEREAS, New York City residents on fixed incomes should be able to continue to live in their home communities; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers should never have to suffer housing discrimination, harassment, or unsafe living conditions; and

WHEREAS, a recent analysis on rent regulation published by the Citizens Budget Commission concluded that 49.2 percent of Manhattan residents living in rent-regulated units would experience rent increases of fifty percent or more if rent regulation laws are allowed to sunset later this year; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of the New York State Rent Regulation Laws on June 15, 2011 without extension would be a disaster for millions of New York City residents;

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly has already passed comprehensive legislation renewing and strengthening rent laws to promote strong communities and affordable housing for New Yorkers (A.2674A/Lopez);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club strongly supports the renewal of New York State Rent Laws, in anticipation of their sunset on June 15, 2011, and the repeal of vacancy decontrol, and urges the New York State Senate to adopt, forthwith, the bill already approved by the Assembly.

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