

CB7 Panel Discussion on Keeping Rents Affordable for Seniors and the Disabled

Please join Community Board 7's Housing Committee on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 pm for a discussion on programs that are intended to serve these important members of our community.

In 2009, the New York City Department for the Aging shifted the jurisdiction for the rent-controlled and rent-stabilized sections of the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program to the Department of Finance. SCRIE and its companion Disability Related Income Exemption (DRIE) freezes rents for eligible tenants.

In recent months, an audit performed by New York City Comptroller John Liu has discovered discrepancies in the program, including the failure to pay the city's share and \$11.8 million in improper payments to deceased tenants. Moreover, many eligible individuals are unaware that they qualify for this crucial program in the first place.

We expect a lively panel discussion and Q&A on what parts of SCRIE are working, what parts aren't, and what we as a community can do to strengthen this critical program.

Panelists:

Joseph Condon, Staff Attorney, Community Housing Improvement Program
Sondra Daniels, Outreach Workers, Stein Senior Center
Molly Krakowski, Director of Legislative Affairs, JASA

Location:

**Community Board 7
250 West 87th Street
Monday, November 14th
6:30pm**

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