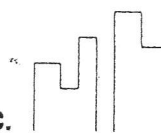


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2010 MVUT Membership

Mt. Vernon United Tenants (MVUT) has been providing principled and effective tenant assistance for over thirty (30+) years! As the only funded and staffed Tenants Association in Westchester, our work and advocacy is essential in protecting and extending tenants' rights. *MVUT's* programmatic efforts fall under three (3) broad categories:

1) Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP)

MVUT provides intensive case-management for tenants at-risk of eviction. Services include assistance in securing rent arrears; landlord/tenant mediation and negotiation; preparation of meritorious defenses for court cases; assistance in filing *Order(s) To Show Cause* (OSC); collaboration and cooperation with *Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley*. *MVUT* helps stop over one hundred and fifty (150+) evictions annually! And helps to rehouse approximately three dozen (36) families/individuals annually!!

In addition to eviction prevention services, our intensive case management services helps tenants with hundreds of various other landlord/tenant issues.

2) Tenant Action Project (TAP)

Under our *TAP* we help to "organize the unorganized", i.e. we assist tenants within multi-family buildings to organize effective building tenant associations to better represent and advocate for themselves. Most organizing campaigns are in response to a lack of services, landlord neglect and harassment, or to challenge rent increases, *MVUT* normally engages in fifteen (15) to twenty (20) separate building campaigns in a year. The results are always positive, e.g. increased services, a lessening of landlord harassment and/or more affordable rents.

3) Policy Advocacy (PA)

MVUT advocates on all governmental levels (Municipal, County, Regional, State and Federal) for policies that benefit tenants and all low to moderate income residents. Some examples:

Local - Successfully pushed the Mt. Vernon City Council to increase the benefit level to a complete exemption for eligible seniors under the State *Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption* (SCRIE) Program!

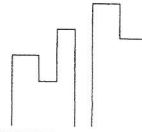
County - Initiated and led the campaign to push the County Board of Legislators (BOL) to pass a non-discrimination ordinance in renting based upon "Source of Income" e.g. Section 8, Dept. of Social Services, etc. Provide testimony and organize tenants to go to annual *Westchester Rent Guidelines Board* (WRGB) Public Hearings/Meetings.

Statewide - Main suburban group in the statewide *Real Rent Reform* (R3) Campaign to renew the State Rent Laws a year early and to strengthen them by removing "vacancy decontrol", the mechanism that has been used to escalate rents throughout the region.

Federal - Works with both the *National Low-Income Housing Coalition* (NLIHC) and the *National Alliance of HUD Tenants* (NAHT) to address Federal housing policy issues to protect local tenants in Federally-assisted housing.

Most importantly, *MVUT* is a membership organization. We need YOU to help build our strength! Join today and encourage others in your building to join as well!

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Yes ____, I want to help build a stronger tenant movement in Mt. Vernon and Westchester! I am enclosing my check/money order for \$ 20 for my Basic Membership dues.

Yes ____, I'd like to help out even more. I'm enclosing my donation of

_____ \$35, _____ \$ 50, _____ \$75, _____ \$ 100, _____ \$ 200, _____ Other
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Donations of \$ 100 or more qualifies you as a member of our "Century Club" and we'll engrave your name on a plaque in our office.