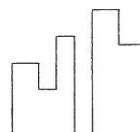


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### **EARLY/MID-JULY 2019 "NEWS & UPDATE"**

#### **Rent Law Renewal Campaign**

*MVUT* has been working with numerous New York City tenant associations, and other housing organizations over the last four (4) years to renew and strengthen the state tenant rent and eviction laws. *MVUT* was the only non-New York City tenants association on the Steering Committee of the *Real Rent Reform (R3)* campaign. The *R3* campaign grew to help form the statewide *Housing Justice 4 All (HJ4A)* coalition which ultimately pushed the state legislature to pass the *Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019*. This law is the most important state tenant legislation passed since rent stabilization (ETPA) was adopted in 1974. It provided virtually everything that the tenant movement was advocating for. It's an incredible victory for tenants. **HOORAY!!!** We're enclosing a three (3) page "Memo to Members" from the *National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)* explaining the improvements in the law. We're also enclosing a **Fundraising Flyer** which further explicates the improvements. Please return in the self-addressed envelope with a generous contribution. Thank you.

#### **Westchester Rent Guidelines Board (WRGB)**

In the wake of the huge state legislative victory, the *WRGB* granted Westchester landlords Guidance increases of 1.75% for one (1) year lease renewals and 2.75% for two (2) year lease renewals. We're enclosing a July 1, 2019 article from *The Journal News* explaining this (on the reverse side of the third page of the *NLIHC* "Memo to Members"). These Guidelines apply to any lease renewals that commence between October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. *MVUT's* own, Tamara Stewart, now one (1) of the two (2) tenant representatives on the *WRGB* did a great job. The landlords were seeking increases of 6% and 12%! They know no shame! Thanks Tamara!

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## **Mount Vernon “RISE” (Report-Inspect-Service-Enhance)**

*MVUT* has been working with the *Mt. Vernon Dept. of Planning and Community Development* (MV-PCD) and various organizations and activists on *RISE* to improve the “Quality of Life” throughout Mount Vernon. We’re setting up tenant meetings throughout the city and we’re distributing and collecting “Quality of Life Surveys” (see enclosed). Please fill out the Survey and get it back to *MVUT* by either dropping it off at our office; mailing it back to us at PO Box 2107, Mt. Vernon, NY 10551; faxing it to us at (914) 699-7449; or emailing it to us at [mvut@erols.com](mailto:mvut@erols.com). We’re in contract with *MV-PCD* so it’s important that we collect as many of these “Quality of Life Surveys” as possible. Thanks for your help! Working together we can all make Mount Vernon a better place to live and work in!!

**Please make as generous a contribution as possible and encourage others in your building and neighborhood to do the same. *MVUT*’s working overtime for you and winning on a number of fronts as evidenced by the above. PLEASE support us NOW !!**

**Support Tenants’ Rights!**

**Support Affordable Housing!!**

**Support MVUT!!!**