



Westchester County Board Of Legislators (W-BOL) **Public Hearing about the 2020 County Budget**

Date: Tuesday November 19

Time: 7:00 pm (6:15pm sign-up to speak time)

Place: The Doles Center, 250 South 6th Avenue

MVUT relies upon the W-BOL to support our program efforts. Lyndon Williams is the County Legislator who represents Mt. Vernon on the W-BOL. It's important for Lyndon and all of the other sixteen (16) members of the W-BOL to hear from MVUT members and friends about the effectiveness of our program efforts, e.g. preventing evictions and keeping people in their permanent apartments; helping re-house homeless people and tenants at-risk of homelessness; fighting for improved services and more affordable rents; organizing tenants and teaching them their rights – this is especially important as the state legislature passed a whole bunch of great improvements in the state rent laws this spring but most tenants are unaware of those improvements. MVUT should be funded to do a "Grassroots Education Campaign" to educate tenants about their newly-won rights. As the saying goes "these rights aren't worth the paper they're written on if people don't know about them." MVUT is committed to do just that – educate all rent stabilized tenants! Our ask to the W-BOL:

- 1) Continue funding our successful Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) \$25,000 - \$35,000
- 2) Fund MVUT'S grassroots educational campaign re: the new and improved State Rent Laws (approx. \$50,000)

We'd like many tenants to come and speak on behalf of MVUT, i.e. how effective our programs are, and the need for increased funding to help MVUT serve even more tenants – not only in Mt. Vernon, but throughout the county.

Call the MVUT office (914) 699-1114 x303 with any questions or to discuss your testimony.