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Re: Geruth Buetow Rent Control Appeal – 250 6th St, Unit 608

Dear Ms. Romero

I represent the respondent Olga Trimmer, OLY IDA Cosmopolitan, LLC regarding the above referenced appeal. There are two issues I wish to raise regarding the appeal. First, I am not available on June 15th, 2023, at all during the day as I have an out of office conflict all day. Can we please reschedule the legislative hearing to another date?

The second issue is that Ms. Buetow does not appeal the determination to allow an exception to the 3% rent increase as stated in the city legislative notice of appeal. Ms. Buetow merely complains that her rent was increased beyond 3%. She does not raise an issue with the exception provided by the city to the respondent. Moreover, Ms. Buetow's rent was not increased by more than 3%. Ms. Buetow did receive an increase in rent and was allocated a portion of utilities to pay for each month, but her garage rent was reduced from \$135 a month to \$100 a month to offset the addition of utilities. As a result, her total payment went from \$2,248 a month to \$2,305 post September 2022 resulting in an overall increase in rent to her of \$2.53% or \$57 a month, well below 3%. As such, there is no basis for the appeal.

Sincerely,

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