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Nelida Godfrey, owner of Taste of Lima, lives and runs her restaurant in a building owned by Steven Croman—who has a reputation as one of New York’s worst landlords and is under investigation by State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

For the past five years, Godfrey has endured threats, false complaints and frivolous lawsuits from Croman, who wants her out of her restaurant and out of her home.

WestView has covered several of Godfrey’s struggles in previous issues—detailing the false anonymous tips to the Health Department that resulted in thug-like “Health Police” scaring away her customers and Croman’s attempt to “destabilize” her rent stabilized apartment (an attempt squashed by the June ruling of Judge Peter Wendt.)

Godfrey continues to fight for her business and her home, but her legal bills are mounting; she says she has spent close to \$100,000 over the last 6 months fighting multi-millionaire Croman.

When learning of the harassment she has experienced, local politicians Corey Johnson, Gale Brewer, Brad Hoylman and Deborah Glick joined together to support the pending actions against Croman by the Attorney General.

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