

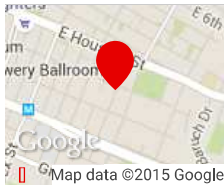
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Is Landlord Steve Croman Now Meddling in Restaurants?

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Yassir Zraouli, owner of Moroccan restaurant **Rustic LES** which was forced to shutter a few weeks ago, is now blaming building owner **Steve Croman**. Zraouli tells Eater that "Since the beginning, the store was met with a series of issues, and the owner reneged on many contractual obligations citing construction delays and outside agency interference." Croman is notorious for his shady dealings as a landlord. **Earlier this summer he was forced to return \$57,075 [0]** to **Gabrielle Hamilton** for a restaurant she invested in that never panned out. Croman, **as Bowery Boogie points out [1]**, however, is better known for his bad dealings with, and harassment of, residential tenants, not commercial ones. State Attorney General **Eric Schneiderman** has launched a probe into Croman's tactics.



Rustic L.E.S.

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