

Local Pols Respond to Steve Croman's Deplorable Tenant Harassment Tactics

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Steve Croman, Photo: Daily News

Last week, State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman launched a probe (<http://www.boweryboogie.com/2014/07/slumlord-steve-croman-investigation-state-attorney-general/>) into the “potentially illegal tactics used by landlord Steven Croman, 47, to force rent-stabilized tenants out of their valuable apartments.” They’re looking into possible violations of both city and state statutes.

In response to the far-reaching tenant harassment, local politicians naturally added their two cents to the argument. The collective statement from State Senators Daniel Squadron and Brad Hoylman, Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh, Borough President Gale Brewer, and Councilmembers Rosie Mendez and Margaret Chin reads as follows:

Steven Croman's pattern of tenant harassment must come to an end.

Tenants from his buildings have contacted us with accounts of chronic harassment and intimidation – including disruptive building maintenance, frivolous lawsuits, and most egregiously, the dispatching of a 'private investigator' to apartments to intimidate tenants.

We've worked closely with a coalition of tenants and advocacy groups like Good Old Lower East Side, Cooper Square Committee, and the Urban Justice Center to address Croman's tactics of driving tenants, many of whom are rent regulated, out of their homes. We applaud the Attorney General's investigation into Croman, and we will continue to support tenants' efforts as it unfolds.

Respect. However, where is the bandwagoning joint statement for other offending landlords, like Samy Mahfar at 102 Norfolk Street?



The war zone inside Samy Mahfar's 102 Norfolk St.

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