



Tenants who say they have been harassed and forced to live in poor conditions are fighting back.

A tenant advocacy group, Stabilizing New York, and city and state lawmakers stood at the steps of City Hall Thursday and publicized a list of what they say are some of New York City's worst landlords. Property owners whose goal, officials said, is to kick low-rent and rent-stabilized tenants out of their homes then renovate and flip the apartments for more money.

Alleged predatory landlords, according to Stabilizing NYC:

All Year Management
Alma Realty Corp
BCB Property Management
Brookhill Properties/Toledano
Coltown Properties
Icon
Isaac Herskovitz
Steve Croman
Ved Parkash
ZARA Realty Holding Corp

"Your landlord wants you to move out, convert your unit to market rate. You're not making them enough money and they are willing to try anything to push you out," City Councilman Dan Garodnick said.

Nelida Godfrey, a longtime Greenwich Village resident, lives on Christopher Street. Her landlord, Steven Croman, was arrested earlier this month on 20 felony charges.

Godfrey said Croman harassed her to move out.

"He called me for two meetings," Godfrey said.

He allegedly told her, "Why wouldn't you want to live in a Latino neighborhood? Why do you want to stay here?"

Croman's company did not respond to PIX11 News' questions about the accusations against him.

Tactics allegedly used to push tenants out include poor living conditions, no heat, no gas and no hot water.

"When I moved into that building, it was like a paradise. Now it's just down the drain," said Alfred Amartey, who lives on Gerard Avenue in the Bronx.

Amartey's landlord is Ved Parkash. PIX11 News left a message with his company Thursday but our questions about his management practices were not answered.

"All he does is harass the tenants," Amartey said.

According to Sen. Liz Krueger, more needs to be done to stop predatory landlords.

"It's both strengthening our laws on the state and city level. It's also massively increasing enforcement efforts. Because a law isn't worth anything unless you enforce against it," Krueger said.