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Elected Officials: Steven Croman's "Pattern of Tenant Harassment Must Come to an End"

EXCLUSIVE: Multimillionaire Manhattan landlord probed for possibly using illegal tactics to force out rent-stabilized tenants

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched an investigation into the tactics used by Steven Croman, 47, to push rent-stabilized tenants out of their valuable apartments, the Daily News has learned. Croman, who owns 100 mostly residential buildings across Manhattan, portrays himself as a philanthropist, raising money for causes like the 92nd Street Y.

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Steven Croman, seen here with Harriet Croman, is now the subject of an investigation into potentially illegal tactics used to force rent-stabilized tenants out of their apartments, the Daily News has learned.

About a week ago, the [Daily News](#) reported that the state Attorney General has opened an investigation into "potentially illegal tactics used by landlord Steven Croman, to force rent-stabilized tenants out of their valuable apartments." Croman owns a large number of buildings on the Lower East Side. Now local elected officials are chiming in. Here's the press release put out by State Sen. Daniel Squadron's office yesterday:

...State Senators Daniel Squadron and Brad Hoylman, Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh, Borough President Gale Brewer, and Councilmembers Rosie Mendez and Margaret Chin released the following statement regarding landlord Steve Croman: "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."

Tenant organizations have been mobilizing against Croman, and his firm, [9300 Realty](#), for years. The Croman Tenants' alliance tracks his activities and offers resources to residents facing harassment via [this website](#).

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