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**COUNCIL MEMBERS CHIN AND MENDEZ APPLAUD
LAWSUIT AGAINST MAROLDA PROPERTIES, INC**

CITY HALL – Today, Council Member Margaret S. Chin and Council Member Rosie Mendez issued the following statement in response to Attorney General Eric Schneiderman’ [announcement](#) to bring a lawsuit against Marolda Properties, Inc. for harassing residents in Chinatown and the Lower East Side:

“Every year, hundreds of tenants who live under the thumb of unscrupulous landlords come to our offices for help to fight back against constant harassment. These landlords, like Marolda Properties, place profits over people regardless of whether tenants are longtime residents, seniors or families with children. They are willing to deploy numerous harassment tactics, such as unnecessary construction and unsubstantiated threats of eviction through housing court, to force tenants out.

“We are grateful for Attorney General Schneiderman’s continued efforts to hold landlords like Marolda accountable for their actions. As he moves forward with this case, we will continue working with our colleagues in government, community based organizers, and legal service providers to protect our residents from harassment, discrimination, and neglect.”

Marolda Properties, Inc. and the affiliated landlords owned several buildings within Council Districts 1 and 2, including 83-85 Baxter Street, 7 Rivington Street, 90 Elizabeth Street, 65 Ludlow Street, 13-15 Essex Street, 145 Avenue C, and 100 Forsyth Street.

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