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CM CHIN'S BILL AGAINST CONSTRUCTION HARASSMENT SIGNED INTO LAW

***Part of historic Stand for Tenant Safety
package, which includes 11 bills that
increase protections for tenants***

***Intro 918 will serve as first line of defense
against predatory landlords who self-certify
illegal construction to drive residents out of
their homes***

NEW YORK – Today, as part of the signing of the Stand for Tenant Safety package, Mayor de Blasio signed a groundbreaking bill authored by Council Member Margaret S. Chin that limits self-certification for landlords who use illegal construction to push tenants out of their homes. Intro 918 increases DOB inspections for construction applications at buildings where more than 25 percent of units are occupied, and where landlords have been guilty of tenant harassment.

“For far too long, bad landlords have relied on construction as harassment to make tenants’ lives miserable in an effort to force them out of their homes and earn a quick buck. By signing this bill into law, we are giving working families and seniors new protections against greedy building owners who expose their tenants to inhumane and hazardous living conditions,” said **Council Member**

Margaret S. Chin, lead sponsor of Intro 918-A. “I thank Stand for Tenant Safety advocates, including Cooper Square Committee and the Stop Croman Coalition, as well as my bill co-sponsor Council Member Menchaca, for their work to further empower tenants in the fight against harassment.”

Introduced in 2015, Intro 918 is a component of the Stand for Tenant Safety (STS) package, a historic legislative effort that increases protections for tenants citywide.

Earlier that year, in response to an egregious case of construction harassment by landlords at 90 Elizabeth Street, Council Member Chin fought alongside tenants and advocacy groups to pressure DOB to apply a stop work order. Unfortunately, that building is just one example of landlords harassing their tenants through the practice of often dangerous, hazardous, and unnecessary construction.

The City Council overwhelmingly passed Stand for Tenant Safety legislation earlier this month.

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