

Open Letter To Our Landlord Irving Langer From #Save63Tiffany 🙏

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Dear Mr. Langer,

I hope you, and your family, find yourselves in good health and good spirit. Unfortunately, the same can't be said of your tenants at 63 Tiffany Place. Mr. Langer, can you imagine what it feels like to have an uncertain future and more than likely to be homeless soon? The feeling of being "Housing Insecure"? You probably can't, a man with your wealth, how could you? Then again, I understand you have a degree in Psychology, so maybe you can imagine what carrying that burden over you can do to a person over the years, both psychologically & physically. I can't begin to describe the anxiety and tension of everyone in the building, it's exhausting and debilitating. Mr. Langer, you can fix this. You can be a hero this time, it's all up to you.

As you probably know by now, we had to enlist public officials and even go to the media in an effort to reach you. Believe me when I tell you we did not want to do this, but had no other recourse. We're just trying to meet with you so we can have some clarity as to what the future holds for us. We've tried to reach you through numerous channels to no avail. We exhausted all methods, the city and state agencies and even the elected officials tried as well and you've ignored us all. In our desperation we even tried through social media but, of course, nothing has worked. So you forced our hand and we had to go to the media and unfortunately will have to continue to escalate our efforts because we're trying to save our homes. Please try to imagine what that feels like, Mr. Langer. Imagine someone callously trying to remove you from your home of 30 years; where you've created memories, raised families, where neighbors have become like family, celebrated holidays together, babysat and watched each other's kids grow, etc. If someone's blind greed tried to take that away what lengths would you go through to save your home?

But like I said before you don't have to be the bad guy here Mr. Langer, matter of fact, not only can you be a hero to 70 families but also make an amazing return on your investment, that's a win-win. You can enter into another regulatory agreement & extend the LITHC tax program. You only bought the building for \$5.3 million so you've already almost tripled your money in monthly rent anyway and because of the previous agreement paid little to no taxes, so it's all profit. It definitely wouldn't hurt you, and the building's appreciating more and more every day. The city and state agencies have said they'd be willing to give you a great deal to ensure that this continues to be an affordable building. As a prudent businessman you should meet with them and hear them out, to see what they can offer you. But maybe you just want to sell the building and that's understandable. If selling is your prerogative, the City Comptroller, Mr. Brad

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Lander, offered a wonderful suggestion at our Press Conference & Rally. He suggested a preservation sale, where you sell it to another owner, possibly a non-profit, that's willing to continue to operate it as a low income building. Maybe even sell it to us. These are just a few options at your disposal, if you'd be willing to meet with us, or our representatives, and explore them. Again, as the prudent businessman, that I think you are, I'm surprised you're not at the very least exploring all these options available to you.

I believe in the good in everybody, sometimes we let greed or blind ambition get the best of us, but we can always correct our ways. Unfortunately Mr. Langer your reputation precedes you. A quick Google search returns some very bad results, but you don't have to continue to be that guy. You can change and you can start right here, right now, with us. It's easy to do the right thing here. You don't have to force retirees, seniors, veterans, the disabled, the sick and just all around good decent hard working NYers into the street. Do you realize that people that moved in in their 30s, 40s and 50s are now in their 60s, 70s and 80s? And we even have a couple in their 90s, he's a Korea War vet! Where will they go now? Don't they deserve to live out their remaining years in dignity? How can you sleep at night knowing you're causing so much hardship and anguish? Why? Just so you can make a few more millions that, because of your vast wealth already, will not change your life one bit, but will destroy 70 families in the process. Be better Mr. Langer. Money isn't everything and you can't take it with you sir, but when you're long and gone your legacy will remain. What will your legacy say about you? It's never too late to start rebuilding that legacy. If you do the right thing here we'll laud you as a hero and have a bigger and greater rally and press conference to announce to the world the great thing you've done, think about it Mr. Langer. Imagine you being the hero of this happy ending.

In conclusion Mr. Langer I'd like to extend an olive branch and ask you, once again, to work with us towards a mutually beneficial, amicable resolution. Come meet the wonderful people here at 63 Tiffany Place. I honestly don't think you're a bad guy. I think you won't meet with us cause you don't want to put a face to the destruction you're about to cause. I think you're just letting the numbers guide you but if you meet some of these fine people here I think you'll have a change of heart. I believe in the goodness in you. Please come meet with us.

Sincerely,

The good folks at 63 Tiffany Place

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