



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 39

January 10, 2019

ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO PROTECT TENANTS

WHEREAS, tenants have rights to quality and safe housing and to be free from harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to coordinate the City's range of tenant protection efforts to safeguard such rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Establishment of the Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants. The Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants ("Office") shall coordinate the work of the City to protect the rights of tenants in New York City.

§ 2. Functions of the Office. The Office shall be responsible for

- a. Serving as central resource for tenants, social service agencies, advocacy organizations, legal services providers, landlords and management companies of affordable housing, and others on tenant issues;
- b. Coordinating tenants, social service agencies, advocacy organizations, legal services providers, landlords and management companies of affordable housing, and others to address issues of tenant harassment; and
- c. Leading outreach and education on anti-harassment initiatives.

§ 3. Agency Cooperation. City agencies, including but not limited to Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Department of Buildings, Department of Social Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Finance, Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement, New York City Commission on Human Rights, and the Mayor's Office of Data Analytics, shall cooperate with the Office as required.

§ 4. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor