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**“All We Want for Christmas Is Safe Homes!”-- Elected Officials
and Community Organizations Join Manhattan Tenants to
Demand Basic Building Services and Safe Construction Work**

*Senior Citizens, Families with Children Are Living in Conditions That
Are Hazardous to Their Health and Safety*

- WHAT:** Tenants are calling for an end to hazardous construction work and substandard living conditions from their landlord, James Fong.
- WHO:** 90 Elizabeth Street Tenant Association;
Stand for Tenant Safety (STS) Coalition;
Stabilizing NYC (SNYC) Coalition;
Council Member Margaret Chin;
Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer;
Representatives from the Public Advocate Office;
CAA AV Organizing Asian Communities; Asian Americans for Equality;
Cooper Square Committee; Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center.
- WHEN:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM
- WHERE:** 90 Elizabeth Street, New York, NY 10013
- VISUALS:** Statements by local elected officials; By request, press allowed inside apartments to see living conditions

BACKGROUND:

After not having heat over Thanksgiving weekend, tenants at 90 Elizabeth Street will hold a press conference to call on their landlord, James Fong, to consistently provide adequate building services and stop unsafe construction work in time for Christmas.

In September, tenants filed a housing court case against Mr. Fong for engaging in dangerous demolition and construction work that has compromised the structural integrity of the building, as well as the health and safety of the tenants. Tenants have since asked for multiple repairs to neglected common areas and individual apartments, as he continues the renovation of four unoccupied apartments.

About the Stand for Tenant Safety Coalition:

Stand for Tenant Safety (STS) is a citywide coalition of community organizations who are fighting to protect the lives and homes of New York City tenants where landlords are using construction as harassment. Through this community driven effort, we demand the systemic reform of the Department of Buildings.

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