

The Matthew Family  
Bedford Stuyvesant Brooklyn

Third Party Transfer Hearing  
New York City Council  
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Our legal two family brownstone was owned by my family for 57 years in Bedford Stuyvesant Brooklyn.

Our home was stolen from us through the Third Party Transfer Program under the color of law by DOF, HPD, Neighborhood Restore and Black Veterans for Social Justice.

My home of 57 years was foreclosed upon at a default ex parte proceeding in Kings County Supreme Court without any Service or Notice of Action. We became aware of the foreclosure when Black Veteran for Social Justice burst into our home, broke the locks off the doors and told us to "get out we are the new owners".

We hired several lawyers with the help of members of our church donating money, to no avail the City of New York hid behind the "**Statue of Limitation**" and the court allowed it when we were not served. Our case was never heard on the merits. Our payment receipts were never examined. Only the statue of limitation was sited over and over again.

Our home was **not** a **MULTIPLE DWELLING**, was **not** a **DISTRESSED PROPERTY**, we owed **NO MONEY** to HPD, there were **NO VIOLATIONS** on the building. Thus our home did not meet any of the requirements to be placed in the Third Party Transfer Program. We welcome a comprehensive audit by a forensic accountant of our NYC Department of Finance tax records.

Our home was completely paid for. There was no mortgage. Now our family is spread all over. We have no place to gather as a family.

My family and I cry out to the City Council to please stop this racketeering by HPD under the color of law using the TPT program to strip poor and middle income families which are Black and Brown, elderly and mostly female of their generational wealth, security, abode, causing physical, mental and emotional distress with deterioration of health and piece of mind. Please make us **WHOLE** again. Return our homes to us or at the very least gives us our **EQUITY**.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard this is a major crisis.

**The Matthew Family**