

For The Record

My name is Robert Altman and I submit this testimony on behalf of the Queens & Bronx Building Association.

We take no positions on the Resolutions, except that to the extent that Tenants receive notice, Landlords should as well.

With regards to adding notices to leases. Leases already contain a number of provisions and notices. And this adds a number of pieces of paper to the lease. Frankly, in this era of the internet and with a desire to reduce waste, we should first reflect on the number of notices and then multiply the number of different notices by the number of tenants and there are millions of pieces of paper that will be printed. And we suggest that the tenants will probably lose or discard many of these pages, adding an unnecessary burden to our waste stream. Thus, we propose the following: For all issues that the Council wishes to give information to the tenants, summarize these issues on a single page to be given with the lease with a link to a web page, to be created by HPD, with all the actual notices. In fact, that web page can even contain further links to more detailed information. Even if a tenant is not connected, they would have access to the web via the public library. If you are concerned about the tenant not knowing how to use the Web, provide a mailing address that the Tenant can write to and have the City then send back all the notices that the Tenant requests. In this way, we don't unnecessarily burden our natural resources.

We believe that this solution is best from an environmental standpoint and from an administrative standpoint. Otherwise, it will be more information and wasted paper that ultimately winds up in the trash.

Regards, Robert Altman

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