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### Res. No. 290

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to approve, A.3297, in relation to protecting the occupancy of a dwelling unit by a tenant sought by a landlord for personal use.

By Council Members Lopez and James

Whereas, New York City continues to have a severe housing crisis; and

Whereas, Assembly bill A.3297 would protect tenants whose apartments are sought by their landlords for “personal use and occupancy” by bringing an end to evictions from rent regulated apartments, for personal use as a primary residence; and

Whereas, The Rent Stabilization Law and the Emergency Housing Rent Control Law allow a landlord to evict a tenant and take possession of the apartment, on the grounds that the apartment is needed for the personal use and occupancy of the landlord or the landlord’s immediate family member; and

Whereas, A tenant should have the right remain in an apartment, to make it their home, to put down roots and to build a family; and

Whereas, There are circumstances where it can be beneficial to have a landlord living in a building but this should not be at the expense of a tenant; and

Whereas, Individuals whose financial status affords them the opportunity to purchase apartment buildings, often have more housing options than their tenants do; and

Whereas, When a tenant does not have the financial ability to purchase a house or an apartment, the right of a landlord to evict that tenant based on a claim of “personal use” can demoralize that tenant; and

Whereas, The laws of this City and State should protect a tenant’s right to reside in his or her home for as long as that tenant chooses to, subject to the provisions of his or her lease, and compliance with all other relevant laws and rules; now, therefore be it, Resolved, that the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to approve, A.3297, in relation to protecting the occupancy of a dwelling unit by a tenant sought by a landlord for personal use.

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