

DC TENANTS ADVOCACY COALITION

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## **TENAC SUES CITY**

**CITY REGULATORS AND LANDLORDS BLASTED FOR FRAUD BY  
D.C.'S LEADING TENANTS' RIGHTS COALITION**

TENAC announced today that it has retained the People's Law Resource Center to bring suit against city rental housing regulators over flagrant abuse of rental housing law, and denial of tenants' right to buy their apartment buildings when landlords put them up for sale. "The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has a lot to answer for," according to Jim McGrath, Chairman of TENAC. "There is an act of outright collusion in an unlawful abrogation of fundamental tenant property rights, and is nothing less than outright theft," McGrath said.

The issue stems from the recent so-called "95/5" apartment building sales, whereby landlords sell 95 percent of a property, and DCRA issues sales authorization letters to developers, without authority and essentially upon request, and then brands the entire transaction a "non-sale." This Orwellian numbers game denies tenants their fundamental right to bid for the roof over their heads. TENAC pledges an all-out battle against this practice, and is proud to join tenant associations, especially the Capitol Park Tenant Association, in this lawsuit.

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