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**Margaret S. Chin on today's hearing on Resolution 700,
calling on Albany to renew and strength rent regulation
and eviction protection**

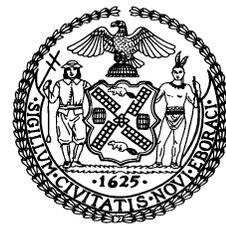
New York, NY – Today, the Housing and Buildings Committee held an oversight hearing on the renewal of rent regulations in New York City and Resolution 700, introduced by Council member Margaret Chin at the Stated Meeting on March 23.

The Committee on Housing and Buildings heard testimony from advocates including Tenants and Neighbors, The Legal Aid Society, Legal Services NYC, The Urban Justice Center, Asian Americans for Equality, and residents, to name a few. Notably absent from the hearing were representatives from the City and Mayor's Office.

Council member Chin called the strengthening and protection of rent regulation a civil rights issue. As Council member Chin pointed out, the vast majority of those who rely on rent regulation are immigrant, minorities, and female head of households.

Council member Chin said, "Without rent regulations tenants cannot fight against abuses by predatory landlords and speculative development. We have to elevate this to a civil rights issue. The weakening of rent regulation and eviction protection overwhelming targets immigrants, minorities, and female heads of household. The right to shelter is a fundamental human right. We have to take a serious look at what we want our city to look like in the next 20 years. If we fail to extend and strengthen rent regulation and eviction protection we will lose the diversity and vibrancy that make New York City neighborhoods what they are."

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