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TENANT ORGANIZERS ACROSS CITY COMMIT TO FIGHT SLUM HOUSING CONDITIONS TARGET FRANK MCHUGH AS PARTICULAR BAD ACTOR

On Thursday, June 26, tenant organizers, grass roots organization members, and tenants from buildings owned by Frank McHugh will meet at Strategic Actions for a Just Economy: 152 W. 32nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Organizers expect over 100 people in attendance at the festive event that will start at 6:30 pm.

“Thousands of Angelenos are in danger from the very homes that they struggle so hard to pay rent for. They live with roaches and vermin, the threats of lead poisoning and mold, they lack heating and proper ventilation. They are coming together to fight for their civil rights, but their bravery means they must also live in fear of severe harassment and displacement,” says Davin Corona, Director of Organizing at SAJE. “The purpose of this gathering is to demonstrate to those who live in substandard conditions that they are not alone in their struggle, and that there is broad support from organizations across the city, and the city itself, to improve their living conditions. The only thing that will stop these practices is all of us joining strength, and forcing it to end.”

Tenants of landlord Frank McHugh, a man responsible for the misery of families in a couple of hundred buildings across the city, have been spending a better part of a year meeting together and trying to work with McHugh to both improve the living conditions of their units, and recognize them as an organized group, with little success.

“I’ve lived in a McHugh owned building for over 12 years and am horrified that McHugh’s ‘mickey mouse’ repairs have been enough to get him through the system,” said Maria Elena Garcia. “The poor maintenance is unhealthy for me and my family. The only way to make McHugh fix our homes is to stand in solidarity with other tenants.”

Figueroa Corridor Coalition for Economic Justice, Esperanza Community Housing Corporation, Los Angeles Community Action Network, St. John’s Well Child and Family Centers, Union de Vecinos, East Los Angeles Community Corporation, Inner City Law Center, Bus Riders Union, Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance, Housing LA, and Power Venice will be in attendance.

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