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## Council Backs Stuy Town Tenants

As Tishman Speyer appeals the ruling that it illegally deregulated rents at Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, 37 City Council members have signed an *amicus curiae* supporting tenants. "The real estate world is putting on a full-court press," says Councilman Dan Garodnick, D-Manhattan, who spearheaded the effort. "The council should make its voice heard." The brief says the council created the J-51 program believing that buildings receiving the tax abatement, as Tishman's do, are subject to rent regulation. A surprise signer is Kendall Stewart, D-Brooklyn, who has been criticized for being cozy with landlords.