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TOWN HALL TO RAISE RESIDENTS' DEMAND FOR RENT CONTROL TO LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

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When: Sunday, September 15, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Where: Center on Halsted, 3656 N Halsted, Chicago, IL 60660

Who: Hundreds of Northside Residents, Lift the Ban Coalition, State and City elected officials, Chicago community groups

The Lift the Ban Coalition is hosting a Rent Control Town Hall Sunday September 15, 1 pm at the Center on Halsted, 3656 N Halsted. Northside residents will give testimony on rising housing costs to local elected officials and experts. Hundreds are confirmed to attend; this will be the coalition's largest Northside event of the year.

In the past year, an [average of 74% of voters approved lifting the ban](#) on rent control in referenda elections in Chicago, and [Governor Pritzker](#) was elected on a platform that included lifting the ban. The event will be a demonstration that voters cannot wait any longer for politicians to act on rent control, as [rents continue to rise](#) and [enormous tax breaks are given to corporate developers](#).

Local elected officials who are attending or sending representatives currently include:

Rep. Greg Harris (attending)

Rep. Kelly Cassidy (sending Chief Of Staff)

Rep. Will Guzzardi (sending Chief Of Staff)

Ald. Daniel LaSpata (attending)

Ald. Rossana Rodriguez (attending)

Ald. Carlos Rosa (attending)

A Southside town hall will follow on Saturday, October 12, 11 AM - 1 PM, at Powell Elementary, 7511 South Shore.

Visuals and video from the town hall will be available under the hashtag #LiftTheBan and the Twitter handle @LTBCoalition

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The Lift the Ban Coalition is a coalition of community organizations in neighborhoods most affected by rising rents. The coalition includes Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, Lugenia Burns Hope Center, Northside Action for Justice, Action Now Institute, American Indian Center, Autonomous Tenants Union, Chicago Democratic Socialists of America, Coalition for Equitable Community Development, The Community Law Project, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, Metropolitan Tenants Organization, Northwest Side Housing Center, ONE Northside, People for Community Recovery, SEIU HCII, Somos Logan Square, 33rd Ward IPO, 25th Ward

IPO, 12th Ward IPO, United Working Families, Westside Health Authority and Únete: Little Village Community Development Committee.