



EAST RIVER DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

MEDIA ADVISORY

ERDA, CM Vallone Jr, and other Local Leaders Denounce Violence in Astoria Houses Respond to the Murder of Tysheen Davis, 23 Years Old

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ASTORIA, QUEENS— On Tuesday, March 27 at noon, ERDA will stand with Council Member Vallone Jr., Tenant Association President Claudia Coger, Teamsters Local 237 President Greg Floyd, and others residents and local leaders to denounce violence in Astoria Houses, specifically the killing of Tysheen Davis over the weekend. ERDA President and Founder Bishop Mitchell Taylor and other local leaders will call for more anti-violence efforts in the community which build on ERDA's and other local partners' efforts to promote prosperity in Astoria Houses.

WHAT: Press Conference to Denounce Violence in Astoria Houses

WHERE: ERDA Astoria, 4-25 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11102

WHO: ERDA President and Founder Bishop Mitchell Taylor
Council Member Peter Vallone Jr.
Astoria Tenant Association President Claudia Coger
Teamsters Local 237 President Greg Floyd
Representative for Senator Michael Gianaris
Representative for Assembly Member Cathy Nolan
Sean "Dino" Johnson, Council for Unity
Community Partners
Over 200 Resident Leaders
(list in formation)

WHEN: Tuesday, March 27, 2012

TIME: Noon

About the East River Development Alliance. *The mission of the East River Development Alliance (ERDA) is to provide residents of four public housing neighborhoods in Western Queens – Queensbridge (the largest public housing community in the nation), Astoria, Ravenswood, and Woodside – with the tools and resources needed to achieve economic mobility and self-sufficiency, and to break intergenerational cycles of poverty. ERDA achieves these objectives through four integrated, comprehensive, and long-term programs which serve over 4,500 individuals per year and are anchored by the ERDA Federal Credit Union: employment services, financial empowerment services (including one-on-one financial education and counseling, comprehensive public benefits access and tenant advocacy), college access and youth development, and community economic revitalization. More information at www.erdalliance.org.*