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## BROOKLYN CO-OP IN HOT WATER WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

A Brooklyn cooperative development is in hot water with the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** for refusing to allow a disabled veteran to keep an emotional support dog and threatening the veteran and his wife with eviction in retaliation for filing a fair housing complaint.

HUD announced that it has charged a 1,144-unit Coney Island cooperative development and the president of its board of directors with housing discrimination. According to HUD, the Trump Village IV has a "no pets" policy, but the Ovsishchers applied for a waiver to that policy in August 2011 so that they could keep an emotional support dog, based on the recommendation of Eugene's psychiatrist and primary care physician.

Despite being provided with all appropriate documentation, the co-op terminated the couple's lease and ordered them to "permanently remove themselves and their possessions from their apartment," because they still had the dog.

The couple then filed a complaint to HUD, accusing the co-op of a Fair Housing Act violation. According to the Fair Housing Act, it is unlawful to refuse to make reasonable accommodations in policies or practices when a person with a disability requires such an accommodation, including refusing to grant waivers to "no-pet" policies for persons who use assistance or support animals.

After learning of the couple's complaint to HUD, the co-op allegedly retaliated against them by freezing their place on the wait list for a parking spot in the development's main parking lot and removing his wife from the co-op's board of directors.

The charges against the co-op will be heard by a United States Administrative Law Judge unless any party to the charge elects to have the case heard in federal district court, HUD said.

## CISA's Monthly Charity A not-for-profit critical program for returning yets w

A not-for-profit critical program for returning vets with PTSD/ TBI that involves pairing them with rescued dogs who are trained along with the vets as service dogs for them. We hope you will join us in supporting such a fantastic cause!

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