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B.S.T.A. JOINS CALL FOR EVICTION MORATORIUM TO PROTECT TENANTS IMPACTED BY I.C.E. TERROR

CHICAGO – The Belden Sawyer Tenant Association has joined the call for a blanket eviction moratorium in Cook County in the wake of ongoing ICE terror. On Saturday, the All-Chicago Tenant Alliance (ACTA) called for a moratorium, citing the increased risk of evictions resulting from many tenants’ fear of going to work and therefore losing income.

“Immigrant tenants are struggling to pay rent as a direct result of Trump’s wave of terror in Chicago,” said BSTA member David Amato. “This increases the likelihood that they will soon find themselves in eviction court—a horrifying prospect in an already horrifying atmosphere.”

The most recent eviction moratorium was during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. Then, as with today’s so-called Operation Midway Blitz, a crisis beyond the control of tenants sharply increased the prospect of eviction. Then, as now, a moratorium served as a sensible and responsible mechanism for protecting tenants.

“We call on Governor Pritzker and Chief Judge Timothy Evans to immediately halt all eviction proceedings in the Circuit Court of Cook County until this terror wave has stopped,” said BSTA member Tory deMartelly. “Chicagoans should not have to live in fear of losing their homes because of Donald Trump.”

ACTA has called on all elected officials and all housing organizations in Chicago to back the moratorium. BSTA seconds this call.

