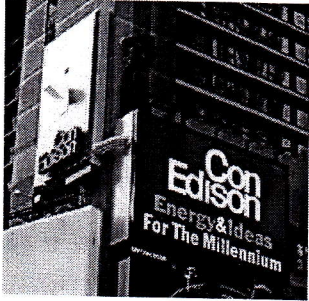


New Yorkers in Solidarity with the Victims and Community of East Harlem & El Barrio

The organizations below have come together to show our solidarity and love and to express our condolences with the people of East Harlem & El Barrio who lost family, friends and neighbors during the horrible explosion of March 12. We too mourn the loss of the eight workers who died. We stand with the community because of the displacements of so many families and the fact that many may never find a real home again, because of the loss of family treasures and so on.



***The explosion of March 12 was a terrible tragedy.
But a tragedy that could have been avoided.***

We want to talk and help the East Harlem and El Barrio community find peace but peace with justice. To make sure that Con Ed and the landlords are held accountable and to make sure that this does not happen again.

FACTS:

- The Con Ed gas main was installed in 1887 and made of brittle cast iron. It was waiting to explode!
- Con Ed CEO John McAvoy, made \$9 million in salary last year. He knows there are over 2,000 miles of these pipes. These could explode any time, and amount to potential bombs.
- Con Ed paid out a billion dollars in profit dividends last year! Yet McAvoy is focusing on union busting and locking out workers not the repairs and upkeep desperately needed. Doesn't this amount to murder?
- Rich neighborhoods always get better attention. A tragedy like this is more likely to happen among working class neighborhoods and where Black, Latino, Asian and poor people live. It is not likely to happen on the Upper East Side.

What could be a response from the City and the community?

- Mayor Bill deBlasio should declare an immediate housing emergency. No survivors of Con Ed's greed should be sleeping on army cots.
- Money from the 1% should be used to pay the East Harlem community reparations for their losses.
- A citywide Peoples Investigation to examine from a community view not a corporate view.
- Examine the environmental consequences and declare the area and provide the equipment and material needed for both the workers and the community.

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