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JOSEPH A. TAHL HONORED BY NOTABLE TENANT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION

New York, NY - Notable tenant advocacy organization **P.A.'L.A.N.T.E Harlem** has honored **Joseph A. Tahl**, founder and president of **Tahl Propp Equities (TPE)**, for his contribution to the preservation and development of affordable housing in East and West Harlem.

"Joseph Tahl has displayed a longstanding commitment to housing affordability and long-term preservation of these properties," said **Elsia Vasquez**, Founder and Executive Director of P.A.'L.A.N.T.E Harlem. "Joe has worked with our team along with local leaders and tenants in East and West Harlem to address issues that matter. Whether it is supporting our young students with annual backpack giveaways or providing shelter for families in crisis like he recently did for tenants displaced by a tragic fire at West 144th Street, Joe is one of the good guys in this fight."

P.A.'L.A.N.T.E honored Tahl during its annual benefit gala which was held on Thursday, January 25th, 2018, at the Grand Slam Banquet Hall in New York City. Other honorees included community leader **David Hanzal**, Manhattan Community Board 9's board member **Signe Mortensen**, HDFC Coalition Member **Michael Palma Mir** and P.A.'L.A.N.T.E's very own, **Stephen Reyes Torres**, who joined the organization as an adolescent and has grown into a promising affordable housing advocate.





Tahl and **Rodney Propp** founded TPE in 1997. Over the years they have developed partnerships with local agencies, and tenant and community organizations to enhance affordable housing advocacy efforts, as well as community initiatives for low to middle income families, and people with special needs. TPE presently owns, manages and is developing over 3,000 units of affordable housing in East and West Harlem.

"I thank P.A.'L.A.N.T.E. Harlem for this recognition, it's a true honor given its fierce advocacy and dedication to do the right thing for the people. I look forward to continuing to work with the organization to ensure that affordable housing remains a pillar of East and West Harlem for generations to come," Tahl said.

P.A.'L.A.N.T.E. Harlem is a not-for profit organization that seeks to enable low-income community residents to remain in their homes and ensure that those homes are safe and affordable. The theme of P.A.'L.A.N.T.E. Harlem's 2018 Annual Benefit Gala was "Atrévete" (Dare!), in honor of visionary leaders who defied the odds to cause positive change. The organization also celebrated it's 9th anniversary.

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