

## Why are we taking action today?

Billionaire landlord John Christodoulou who owns 100s of flats in London has been in the news since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic for responding to tenants' requests for a rent reduction with harassment, intimidation, and evictions.

Our members took him to court - and won - for his failure to obtain HMO licenses and meet fire standards in Simpson House on Somerford Grove in Hackney. He appealed the case and the tenants never saw the money they won. 20 other flats in the buildings have filed rent repayment orders that are all waiting on the outcome of this appeal.

Help us show the judges that this case matters and show landlords that tenants can stand up and have a voice.

Read the story at somerfordgroverenters.com *۶* 





The London Renters Union are a community of renters who speak with a united voice and take collective action. We're supporting our members here today, we hold regular meetings, organise action and campaign for better homes. Together we can stand up to the landlords, estate agents and councils who exploit us.

John Christodoulou owns 100s of flats in London and the rent increases his agents have imposed year after year make housing less and less affordable. Despite that they didn't even get the basic property licenses required. Together we can hold landlords like him accountable and battle for secure housing for people not profit.

Landlords like him charge extortionate rents that drive up the cost of living for everyone in the neighbourhood, meaning that working-class people and Black and Brown people are pushed out of Hackney at an evergrowing rate. The council elections are coming up in May. We need councils to use their powers to hold landlords accountable when they break the rules. We need more social housing. We need councils to stop trying to force people out of their communities. And we need councils to join us in calling for rent controls.

This is why we are organising to hold Hackney Council to account!

## We demand:

- No more forced displacement!
- Bring the rents down!
- Hold landlords accountable!
- Homes for people not profit!

## Scan this QR code to read our Hackney Housing Charter and show your support:





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