SUPREME COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Plaintiff.

- against -

SOUTHERN BLVD I HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC.; THE LAND AND **BUILDING** KNOWN AS 737 **SOUTHERN** BOULEVARD A/K/A 739 **SOUTHERN** BOULEVARD, TAX BLOCK #2720, TAX LOT #24, County of Bronx, City and State of New York; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE" fictitiously named parties, true names unknown, the parties intended being the owners, lessees, operators or occupants of the apartment #5E within the building located at 737 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD, Bronx, New York and any person claiming any right, title or interest in the real property which is the subject of this action.

Defendants.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER the complaint in this action and serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In the case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The basis of venue designated is Bronx County, the county in which the property affected by this action is located. Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial.

DATED: New York, New York

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff, the City of New York, by its attorney, Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, Douglass Maynard, Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters, New York City Police Department, of counsel, alleges as follows upon information and belief:

INTRODUCTION

1. The plaintiff brings this action pursuant to and by the authority of § 20 of the General City Law, § 394 of the New York City Charter and § 7-704(a) and § 7-706(a) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

THE PARTIES

2. Plaintiff, the City of New York, is a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

- 3. The real property which is the subject of and a party to this action is the apartment #5E within the building located at 737 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD A/K/A 739 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD, TAX BLOCK #2720, TAX LOT #24, County of Bronx, City and State of New York.
- 4. Defendant SOUTHERN BLVD I HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC. is the last recorded owner of the real property which is the subject of this action according to a deed recorded in Bronx, Office of the New York City Register.
- 5. Defendant THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 737 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD A/K/A 739 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD, TAX BLOCK #2720, TAX LOT #24. County of Bronx, City and State of New York, is the subject premises where the activities complained of in this complaint have taken place and are taking place.
- 6. Defendants "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE" are fictitiously named parties, true names unknown, the parties intended being any person or entity who is an owner, lessor, lessee, agent and/or occupant of the subject premises, and any other person or entity claiming any right, title or interest in the real property which is the subject of this action.

BACKGROUND FACTS

- 7. Since October 24, 2012, there have been four (4) "controlled buys" of heroin.
- 8. On October 24, 2012, a Registered Confidential Informant 2002-040 (hereinafter "CI 2011-0670") purchased heroin from an individual operating within the subject premises in exchange for a sum of United States currency.

- 9. On October 26, 2012, a Registered Confidential Informant 2002-040 (hereinafter "CI 2011-0670") purchased heroin from an individual operating within the subject premises in exchange for a sum of United States currency.
- 10. On December 5, 2012, a Registered Confidential Informant 2002-040 (hereinafter "CI 2011-0670") purchased heroin from an individual operating within the subject premises in exchange for a sum of United States currency.
- 11. On December 6, 2012, a Registered Confidential Informant 2002-040 (hereinafter "CI 2011-0670") purchased heroin from an individual operating within the subject premises in exchange for a sum of United States currency.
- 12. The subject premises is a front for the illegal sale and storage of heroin. Thus, it cannot be denied that the subject premises is a serious public nuisance.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 13. Plaintiff repeats and realleges, as if fully set forth herein at length, the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs.
 - 14. Pursuant to § 7-703 of the Administrative Code, a public nuisance includes: (g) Any building, erection or place including one- or two-family dwellings, wherein, within the period of one year prior to the commencement of an action under this chapter, there have occurred three or more violations of any of the provisions of article . . . two twenty . . . of the penal law [offenses relating to heroin][as amended by Bill dated December 29, 1993].
- 15. The subject premises has been the site of at least four (4) violations of Article 220 of the New York State Penal Law on four (4) separate dates within the one (1) year period preceding the commencement of this action.

- 16. By virtue of the foregoing, there exists a public nuisance at the subject premises.
- 17. Pursuant to § 7-706 and § 7-714 of the Administrative Code, plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against the defendants, their agents, assigns and/or representatives, and any and all persons acting individually or in concert with them, permanently enjoining such public nuisances; directing the sheriff to seize and remove from the subject premises all material, equipment and instrumentalities used in the creation and maintenance of the public nuisance and directing the sale by the sheriff of such property; and closing the subject premises for a period of one (1) year from the posting of the judgment.
- 18. The defendants have owned, leased, used, maintained or conducted the subject premises for drug trafficking and have permitted, promoted, condoned or acquiesced in the use of said portion of the premises for the illegal activity.
- 19. The defendants have intentionally conducted, maintained or permitted the aforementioned public nuisance.
- 20. Pursuant to § 7-706(h) of the Administrative Code, plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against the defendants ordering that each defendant pay a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day that such defendant intentionally conducted, maintained or permitted the public nuisance.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 21. Plaintiff repeats and realleges, as if fully set forth herein at length, the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs.
 - 22. Pursuant to § 7-703 of the Administrative Code, a public nuisance includes:

- (l) Any building, erection or place including one or two -family dwellings, wherein there exists or is occurring a criminal nuisance as defined in § 240.45 of the penal law.
- 23. Section 240.45 of the Penal Law states that:

A person is guilty of Criminal Nuisance in the second degree when:

- 2. he knowingly conducts or maintains any premises, place or resort where persons gather for purposes of engaging in unlawful conduct.
- 24. The subject premises is being used as a place where persons engage in activity in violation of Article 220 of the Penal Law.
- 25. Defendants have created a criminal nuisance pursuant to Penal Law § 240.45 by knowingly conducting or maintaining the subject premises as a place where persons gather for purposes of engaging in activity in violation of Penal Law Articles 220.
- 26. The subject premises is being used as a drug location where persons buy, sell and traffic in heroin.
 - 27. By virtue of the foregoing, there exists a public nuisance at the subject premises.
- 28. Pursuant to § 7-706 and § 7-714 of the Administrative Code, plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against the defendants, their agents, assigns and/or representatives, and any and all persons acting individually or in concert with them, permanently enjoining such public nuisance; directing the sheriff to seize and remove from the subject premises all material, equipment and instrumentalities used in the creation and maintenance of the public nuisance and directing the sale by the sheriff of such property; and closing the subject premises for a period of one (1) year from the posting of the judgment.

- 29. The defendants have intentionally conducted, maintained or permitted the aforementioned public nuisance.
- 30. Pursuant to § 7-706(h) of the Administrative Code, plaintiff is entitled to a judgment against the defendants ordering that each defendant pay a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day that such defendant intentionally conducted, maintained or permitted the public nuisance.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants as follows:

- a. With respect to the **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**, directing that the subject premises described herein and made a defendant in this action shall be permanently and perpetually enjoined as a place which is conducted, maintained or permitted to be a public nuisance, by the defendants, their agents, assigns and/or representatives, and any and all persons acting individually or in concert with them; directing the sheriff to seize and remove from the subject premises all material, equipment and instrumentalities used in the creation and maintenance of the public nuisance and directing the sale by the sheriff of such property; directing that the subject premises, which has been conducted and maintained as a public nuisance, shall be closed against all use for a period of one (1) year from the date of the posting of the judgment herein, pursuant to § 7-714(c) of the Administrative Code, unless sooner released as provided by law; and awarding to plaintiff civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from each defendant for each and every day that such defendant intentionally conducted, maintained or permitted the public nuisance;
- b. With respect to the **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**, directing that the subject premises described herein and made a defendant in this action shall be permanently and perpetually enjoined as a place which is conducted, maintained or permitted to be a public nuisance, by defendants, their agents, assigns and/or representatives, and any and all persons acting individually or

in concert with them; directing the sheriff to seize and remove from the subject premises all material, equipment and instrumentalities used in the creation and maintenance of the public nuisance and directing the sale by the sheriff of such property; directing that the subject premises, which has been conducted and maintained as a public nuisance, shall be closed against all use for a period of one (1) year from the date of the posting of the judgment herein, pursuant to § 7-714(c) of the Administrative Code, unless sooner released as provided by law; and awarding to plaintiff civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from each defendant for each and every day that such defendant intentionally conducted, maintained or permitted the public nuisance;

- c. Taxing and allowing plaintiff's costs and disbursements against the defendants pursuant to the Civil Practice Law and Rules, and directing that plaintiff have execution therefor;
- d. Taxing and allowing plaintiff's actual costs, expenses and disbursements in investigating, bringing and maintaining the action, pursuant to Administrative Code § 7-714(g), and directing that plaintiff have execution therefor; and
- e. Granting to plaintiff such other and further relief as the Court may deem just, proper and equitable.

DATED: New York, New York

January 17, 2013

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DOUGLASS MAYNARD

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VERIFICATION

Gabriel Taussig, an attorney admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York,

hereby affirms the following to be true, under the penalties of perjury, pursuant to C.P.L.R. 2106:

I have been duly designated as Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York and,

as such, I am an officer of the City of New York, the Plaintiff in the within action. I have read the

foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof; the same are true to my knowledge except as to

those matters therein alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to

be true.

The reason why this verification is not made by the City of New York is that it is a

corporation. My belief as to all matters not stated upon my knowledge is based upon information

obtained from various departments of the city governments, from statements made to me by certain

officers or agents of the City of New York, and from statements, affidavits or affirmations of other

persons.

DATED:

New York, New York

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STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF

I, the und	ersigned, am an attorney admitted to	practice in the courts of	New York State, and
Attorney's	certify that the annexed has been compared by me with the original and found to be a true and complete copy thereof.		
Certification Attorney's	Say that: I am the attorney of record, or of counsel with the attorney(s) of record, for I have read the annexed know the contents thereof and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged on Information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true. My belief, as to those matter therein not stated upon Knowledge, is based upon the following:		
Verification by Affirmation			
	The reason I make this affirmation	instead of	is
l affirm th	at the forgoing statements are true un	der penalties of perjury.	
Dated:			(Print signer's name below signature)
STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF			ss;
☐ Individual Verification	Being sworn says: I in the action herein; I have read the know the contents thereof and the information and belief, and as to the	annexed same are true to my kno	wledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged or them to be true.
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	Notary Public		(Print signer's name below signature)
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On ,20 , I served a true copy of the annexed:			nnexed:
Service By Mail	in the following manner: by mailing the same in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid thereon, in a post-office or official depository of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, addressed to the last known address of the addressee(s) as indicated below:		
Personal Service	by delivering the same personally to the persons and at the addresses indicated below:		
Sworn to be	efore me on	, 20	(Divide)
 	Notary Public		(Print Signer's name below signature)

ss:



POLICE DEPARTMENT

LEGAL BUREAU CIVIL ENFORCEMENT UNIT 2 LAFAYETTE STREET-5th Floor NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007-1307

Date: February 14, 2013

County Clerk Bronx County 851 Grand Concourse Bronx, New York

Re: The City of New York

 $\mathbf{v}.$

SOUTHERN BLVD I HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC., et al.

Dear Clerk:

The above entitled special proceeding is being instituted by the New York City Police Department on behalf of New York City.

I am claiming an exemption from the Index, RJI, and Motion fees of \$210.00, \$95.00, and \$45.00 dollars respectively pursuant to C.P.L.R. Section 8017.

Sincerely,

Aldijana Suljovic, Esq.

(for) DOUGLASS MAYNARD

Deputy Commissioner

Legal Matters