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TUCCILLE TO HOST FUND-RAISING PARTY FOR DISPOSSESSED EAST NEW YORKERS

Jerry Tuccille, Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor, announced today that he is sponsoring a wine-and-cheese party to benefit the victims of City condemnation proceedings in East New York.

The party will be held this Monday, 30 September at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Laura Wertheimer, Tuccille's campaign manager, 331 East 65th Street.

As has been reported this week by UPI, the New York Times, WCBS television and other media, the City plans to demolish 44 houses in the East New York section of Brooklyn for a school project, over the vigorous protests of the present occupants of those homes.

One of the residents whose home faces destruction is Robert Steinis, a supporter of Tuccille's gubernatorial campaign. Steinis' family has lived at 646 Shepherd Avenue for almost half a century. Last month, New York City took title to his home, demanding that he pay rent to the City until such time as it decides to begin the process of eviction and demolition.

"I spoke to the political leaders of my community," Steinis said today. "All of them sided with the City. Only Mr. Tuccille offered to help me. That's why I'm backing his campaign."

Tuccille stressed the fact that the Libertarian Party is opposed, not simply to this particular condemnation proceeding, but to the entire principle of eminent domain.

"There's only one basic question here," said Tuccille. "Does an individual have the right to his own home, or doesn't he? We're the only political party in New York to say: Yes, he has that right. No government agency should be allowed to deprive a citizen of his justly-acquired property."

Anyone interested in helping the fight against eminent domain laws who cannot attend Monday's event is urged to call (212) 354-0292, or to write Ad Hoc Committee to Save the East New York Homes, Suite 918, 224 West 34th Street, New York, N.Y. 10001.

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