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### **SoMa Tenants say, “Enough!” to Mold, Rats & Homeless in Building**

San Francisco, CA – Over 100 tenants and members of St. Patrick’s Church, organized through the San Francisco Organizing Project, will be holding a **Community Action for Quality Housing on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at St. Patrick’s Church (Mission and 3<sup>rd</sup> St).

Residents will show how the construction of market rate condominiums has pushed many low to moderate income families into poor quality rental housing in their SoMa neighborhood.

At 957 Mission St. Apartments, where many members of St. Patrick’s reside, low-income tenants live in conditions where black mold is persistent, rats and other rodents are common and homeless sleep in their doorways. “Just because we are not rich, landlords think they can get away with this stuff,” says resident Nenetete Platero.

“When one parishioner suffers, we all suffer,” says Fr. Ed Dura, pastor of St. Patrick’s who is facilitating the community action.

The organizing committee will secure commitments from Meridian Management and Supervisor Chris Daly improved security and better trained managers and staff as well as support for an upcoming housing charter amendment for the November 2008 ballot.

**WHAT:** Community Action for Quality Housing  
**WHEN:** Monday, October 29, 2007 6:45-8:00pm  
**WHERE:** St. Patrick Social Hall 756 Mission St. (at 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
**WHO:** Supervisor Chris Daly  
Mr. Ron Rogness, Meridian Management  
100 tenants and community members

*Tenants & community members will be on hand for interviews in English, Tagalog & Spanish*

*The San Francisco Organizing Project is a faith-based community organization that represents 35 congregations in San Francisco and organizes on issues of Access to Healthcare, Violence Prevention, Education and Affordable Housing. SFOP is part of the PICO National Network.*