

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WHEN: Monday, September 18, 2023, 5:00 pm (Press Conference) and 6:00 pm (City Council)

WHERE: Winston-Salem City Hall (101 N Main Street)

WHAT: Crystal Towers United Continues Protests - This Time Targeting Mayor Joines

WHY: Mayor Allen Joines promised that the City of Winston-Salem would assist the Housing Authority with repairs to Crystal Towers in January 2022. So far, they have provided \$0 of this funding commitment. Meanwhile, both elevators were offline again on Sunday, September 16th, stranding the older and disabled residents who live in the building.

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Crystal Towers United Continues Protests - This Time Targeting Mayor Joines

Twenty months after Mayor Joines committed to helping fund the needed repairs at Crystal Towers, the City has yet to provide a penny. Residents will hold a press conference on the steps of City Hall at 5 p.m. and speak at the September City Council meeting to remind the Mayor that OUR LIVES MATTER!

WINSTON-SALEM, NC, September 18, 2023—We, the members of Crystal Towers United, will hold a press conference on September 18th, at 5:00 p.m., on the steps of City Hall. We will then be speaking at the September City Council meeting, which starts at 6:00 p.m.

On January 18th, 2022, Mayor Allen Joines and Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) Executive Director Kevin Cheshire announced that they would partner to address the estimated \$10 million in repairs needed at Crystal Towers: https://journalnow.com/news/local/housing-authority-drops-plan-to-sell-crystal-towers-will-reno-va-te-instead-with-help-from-city/article_f5d0ff72-787e-11ec-b817-87df5fbdd864.html. However, thus far no repairs have been completed at the building. We still live with malfunctioning elevators, plumbing, electrical, pest control, and other issues. Although we forced Mayor Allen Joines to put his money where his mouth was on affordable housing and invest in our building, we have yet to see any of the promised funds come to fruition. Meanwhile, at tonight's City Council meeting, they will be shelling out over \$5 million to upgrade Truist Stadium. Clearly, they believe that our lives don't matter as much as minor league baseball.

We call upon the Mayor to keep his funding promise. We understand that the Housing Authority is severely underfunded by our Federal Government. The City of Winston-Salem can and should follow through with the funding that Mayor Joines committed in January of 2022. Crystal Towers United has been fighting for five years, and the fight continues!



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