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Confidential Embargoed Announcement: Tenants of Sharp Leadenhall Apartments File Lawsuit Against Baltimore City Landlord

You are cordially invited to our Press Conference!

What:

Historic Sharp Leadenhall Tenant Council Press Conference, in partnership with Maryland Legal Aid

When: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Time: 9:00AM

Where:

St. Barnabas & St. Susana Coptic Orthodox Church
938 South Hanover Street, Baltimore, MD 21230

Enter the building around the corner on Hamburg Street, through the two blue doors.

RSVP: Email alchase@mdlab.org

Join the Historic Sharp Leadenhall Tenant Council for a press conference to announce a lawsuit brought by 17 tenants of Sharp Leadenhall Apartments against their unlicensed landlord in Baltimore City. Using the Tenant Safety Act of 2024, the lawsuit outlines the landlord's lack of response to tenants' complaints about systemic substandard and dangerous conditions at the 192-unit complex. This is a unique opportunity to hear tenants' firsthand insights into their living conditions and to learn more about how Maryland Legal Aid is supporting these community members through legal action.

The complaint will be available later today.

We are looking forward to engaging discussions and the opportunity for tenants to share their experiences with you. Your coverage and insights are invaluable to us, and we hope to see you there.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing Alec Chase at alchase@mdlab.org.

For any special requests or inquiries regarding the press conference, do not hesitate to reach out.

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About Maryland Legal Aid

Established in 1911, Maryland Legal Aid is a statewide private, nonprofit law firm that provides free, civil legal services to low-income and vulnerable people to address their most fundamental legal problems. From our 12 offices throughout the state, we help our clients preserve and access safe and affordable housing, maintain and regain custody of their children, and be safe from domestic violence. Maryland Legal Aid increases our clients' economic security by defending against consumer debt, including foreclosures and tax sales, removing barriers to employment, and accessing critical income supports such as unemployment, food stamps and other vital public benefits. Through special projects, we represent elder adults, nursing home residents, migrant farm workers, and children in alleged abuse and neglect cases. In its advocacy, Maryland Legal Aid seeks systemic change through impact litigation, in our advocacy, and by storytelling.

