



# José & Ramona “keeping it real.”

Wednesday, April 14, 2004  
6pm-10pm

Food, drinks, and music

1199 SEIU Penthouse  
330 W 42nd Street

Tickets: \$85 in advance,  
\$100 at door

Proceeds to benefit the  
Campaign to Preserve  
Affordable Housing

We are Proud  
to Honor

José and  
Ramona Torres  
as  
Tribeca Citizens  
of the Year

Please come out to join us on April  
14th to celebrate José and Ramona –  
people who are “keeping it real.”



All proceeds go to the fight to preserve  
affordable, integrated housing in New  
York City.



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# José & Ramona Torres

José "Chegui" Torres is widely known as the first Hispanic boxer to win the world's Light Heavyweight championship.

People always say, "José Torres is the Muhammad Ali of the Hispanic community." We love and respect Muhammad Ali. But who knows? Maybe Ali is complimented by that comparison. For sure, he and José have much in common, but the most important thing is that they are both people's champions.

Like Ali, José's career transcends boxing. He is a best-selling author, a long-time political columnist for the *New York Post*, when it was a voice for the working and middle class people of New York City. He is now

a columnist for *El Diario-La Prensa*, the largest Spanish-language newspaper in New York.

José and Ramona, his wife of 43 years, are revered in our Tribeca community.

For 29 years José and Ramona have lived at Independence Plaza North (IPN), a Mitchell-Lama rental building in Tribeca, on the northern border of Ground Zero. They have joined and will now lead the fight to protect the 3500 IPN tenants – their friends and neighbors – and the tens of thousands of other Mitchell-Lama tenants, ordinary middle class and working people whose homes are at stake. With Ramona at his side – and ours – we can't lose!

# José & Ramona Torres

José "Chegüi" Torres es reconocido como el primer boxeador hispano en ganar el título mundial de la clase semi-pesada.

La gente siempre dice que "José Torres es el Muhammad Ali de la comunidad hispana." Queremos y respetamos a Muhammad Ali. Y ¿quién sabe? Tal vez Ali se sienta halagado con la comparación. Por cierto, José Torres y Muhammad Ali tienen mucho en común, pero lo más importante es que ambos son campeones del pueblo.

Como Ali, la carrera de Chegüi va más allá del boxeo. Es un escritor de mejor venta (best seller), columnista político del *New York Post* – cuando ese periódico era una voz para los trabajadores y la clase media de la Ciudad de Nueva York. En la actualidad es columnista para *El Diario-La Prensa*, el diario hispano más leído en Nueva York.

José y Ramona, su esposa por 43 años, son muy queridos por la comunidad de Tribeca.

José y Ramona viven en Independence Plaza North por 29 años, un complejo de viviendas de alquiler bajo la ley de "Mitchell-Lama" en Tribeca y situado al borde norte de la "zona zero." Se han unido como líderes en la lucha para proteger a 3,500 inquilinos – sus amigos y vecinos – y los miles de inquilinos en otros edificios de "Mitchell-Lama", personas de clase media y gente trabajadora cuyos hogares están en peligro de perder su subsidios.

Por favor únense a nosotros el 14 de abril para celebrar a José y Ramona – líderes de nuestra comunidad luchando por el bienestar de todos inquilinos de Nueva York.

Todas las ganancias van para la lucha para mantener viviendas moderadas e integradas en la Ciudad de Nueva York.

Con Ramona a su lado – y al nuestro – no se puede perder.

Estamos orgullosos  
de honrar

a

José y Ramona Torres  
como  
Ciudadanos del Año  
de  
Tribeca

miércoles, 14 de abril de 2004  
6 pm - 10 pm  
comida, bebida y música

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330 West 42nd Street

Entradas: \$85 por anticipo,  
\$100 en la puerta

Ganancias para beneficiar  
Campaign to Preserve  
Affordable Housing  
(una organización para man-  
tener alquileres moderados en  
Nueva York)

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# The event will benefit the Campaign to Preserve Affordable Housing.

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CPAH member groups include:

Independence Plaza North

Tenants Association

Working Families Party

New Amsterdam Tenants Association

NY ACORN

Community Service Society

Roosevelt Island Tenants Association

Local 32 BJ SEIU

Phipps Plaza Tenants Association

Concerned Cooper-Gramercy

Tenants Association

CWA 1180

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New York Jobs with Justice

Citizen Action of New York

Mason Tenders District Council

Northwest Bronx Community &

Clergy Coalition

Boulevard Towers Tenants Association

IBT 808

DC 37 AFSCME

United Jewish Organization of

Williamsburg

Columbus Manor Tenants Association

Tracey Towers Tenants Association

SSEIU 371

UAW 9A

315 West 86th Street Tenants Association

Coalition for a Livable West Side

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Asian Americans for Equality

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