
Right to Counsel Coalition

— Defend + Expand RTC —
July 2023

Agenda

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 2. The Power of RTC
 3. RTC in Crisis: Causes + Impact
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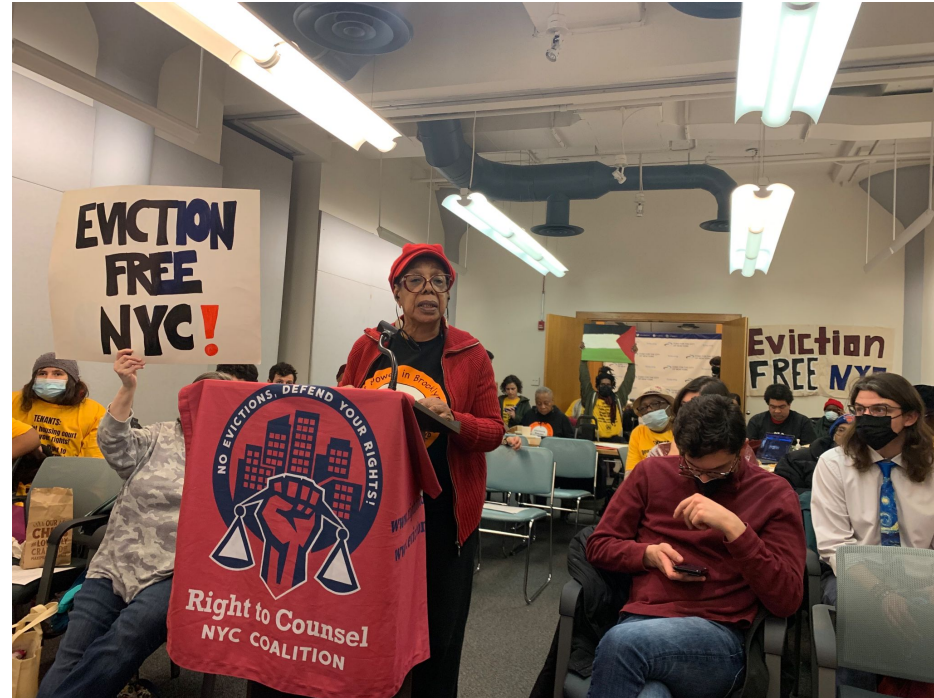
Who is the Right to Counsel NYC Coalition?

- Tenants, organizers, advocates, legal service providers, fighting to address the eviction crisis and the injustice of Housing Court
- Won the Right to Counsel in 2017 after a 3 year grassroots campaign



The Power of RTC

- **85% of tenants who have RTC stay in their homes**
- **More tenants fight for their rights because they have RTC:** Tenants show up to court more, raise defenses and [take proactive steps](#) to defend their rights
- **Eviction Drop and Landlords Sue Tenants Less.** For example, evictions declined more than **5x faster** in RTC zip codes than in similar ones in RTC's 1st year



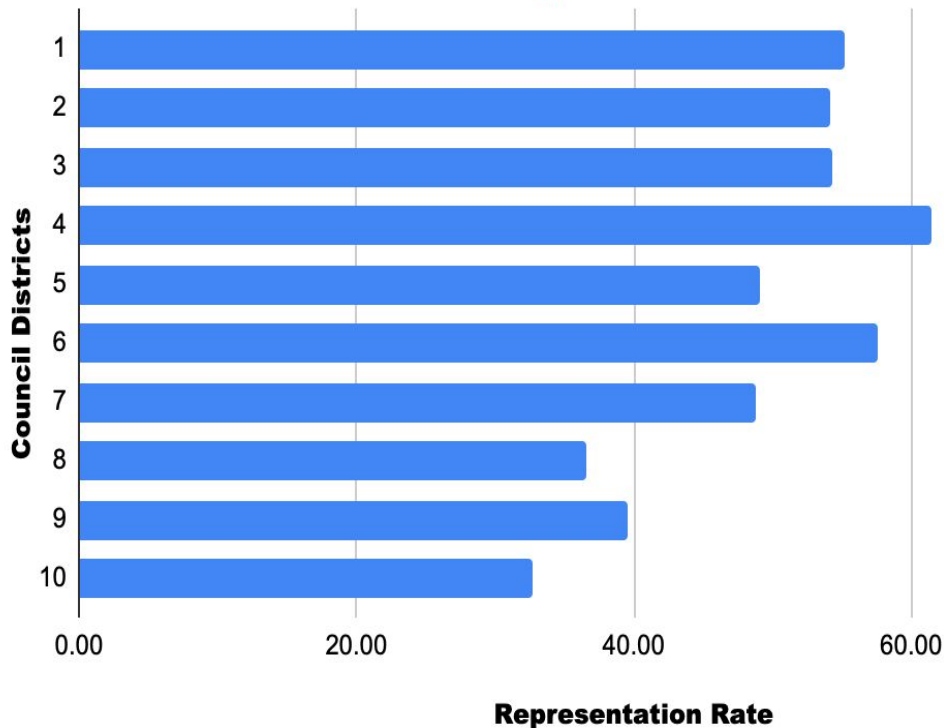
Right to Counsel in Crisis: Causes + Impact

- With the expiration of the eviction protections + the national labor shortage, **there are not enough attorneys to represent tenants at the pace that landlords have set** and that the courts have facilitated
- The courts are moving cases forward without RTC.
- **The Result:** More than 30,000 households have faced alone since 2022. That means about 55% of tenants in court are unrepresented. Most are entitled to RTC.

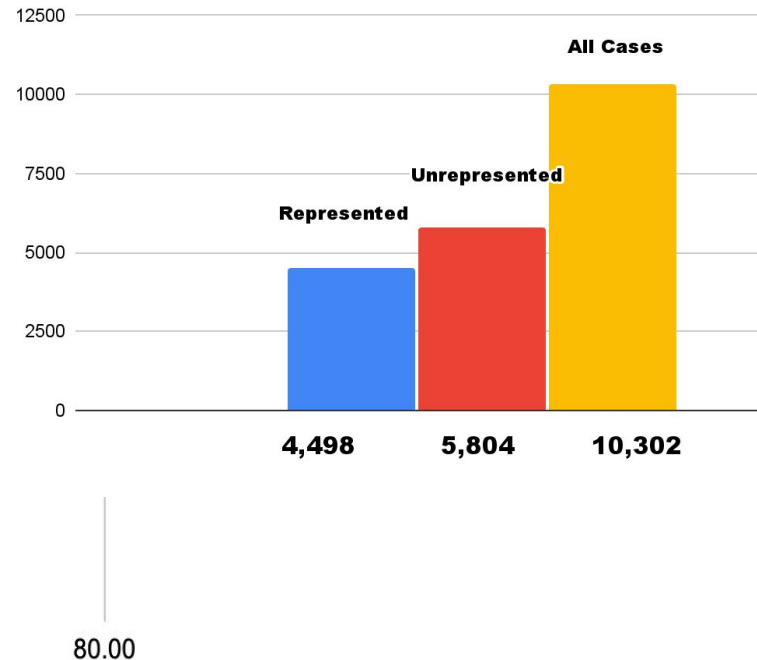


Rates of Representation By District

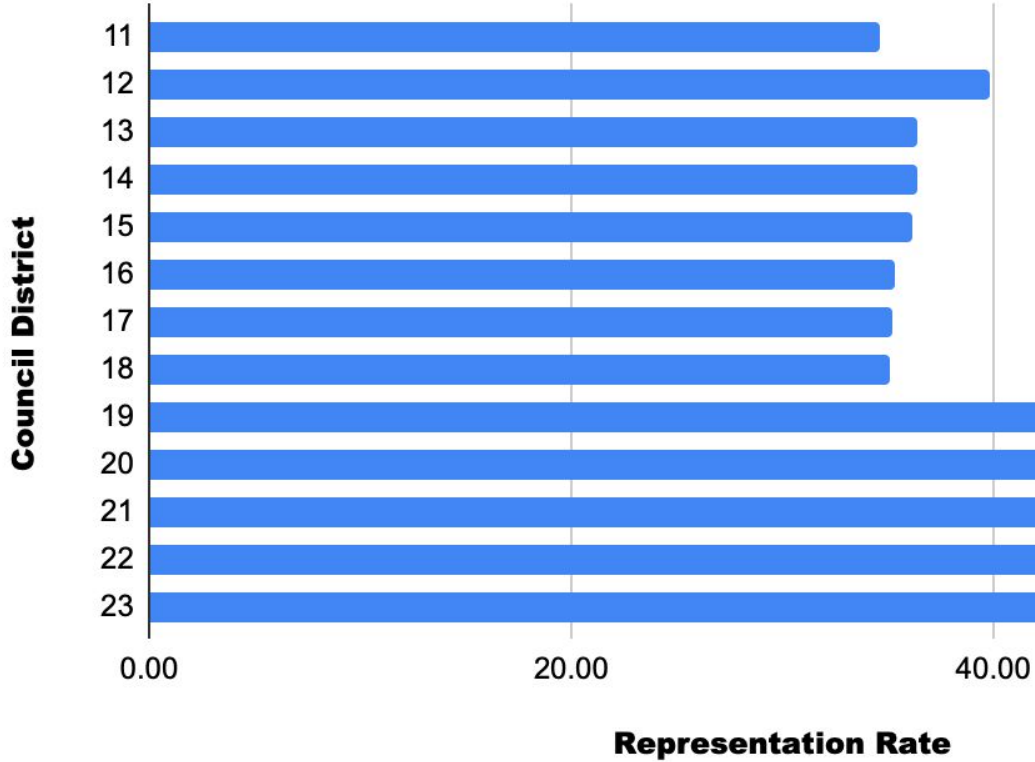
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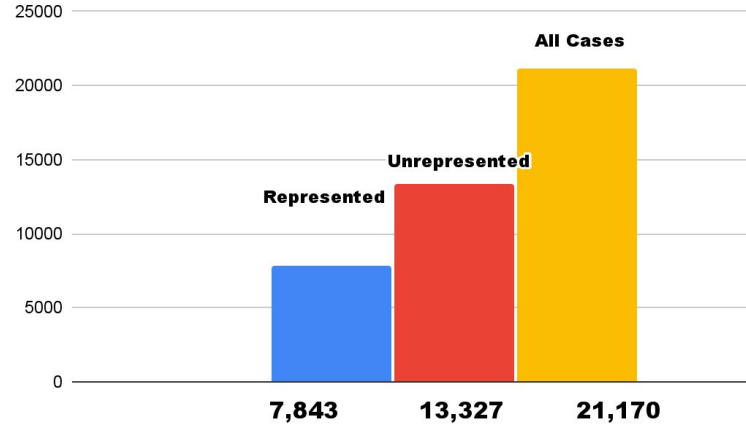
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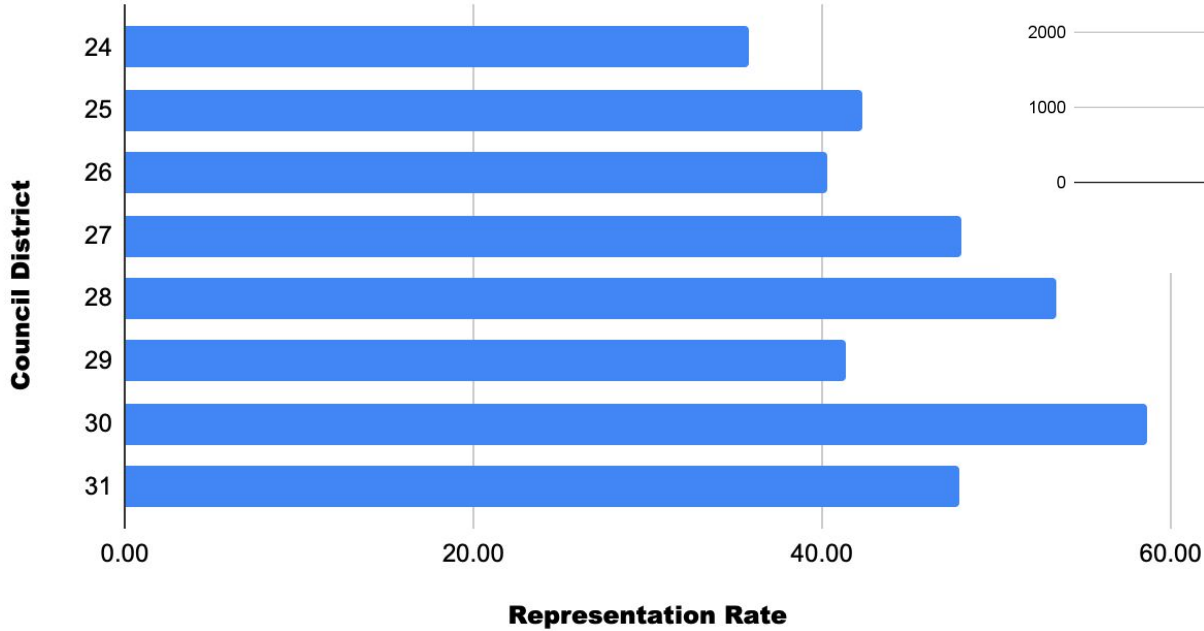
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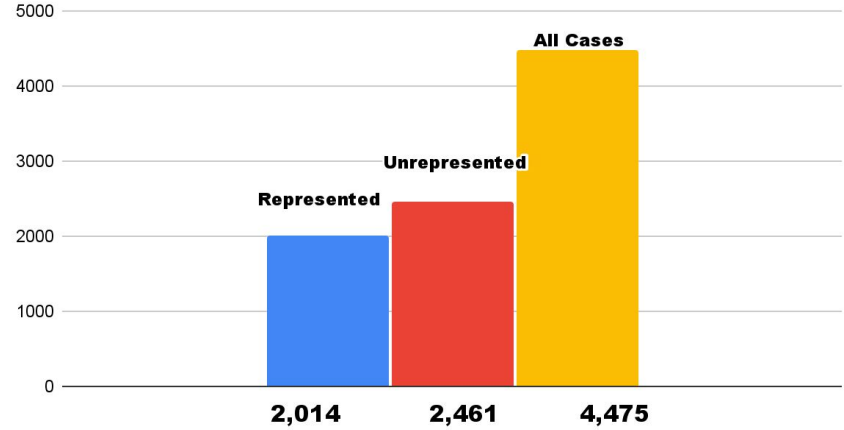
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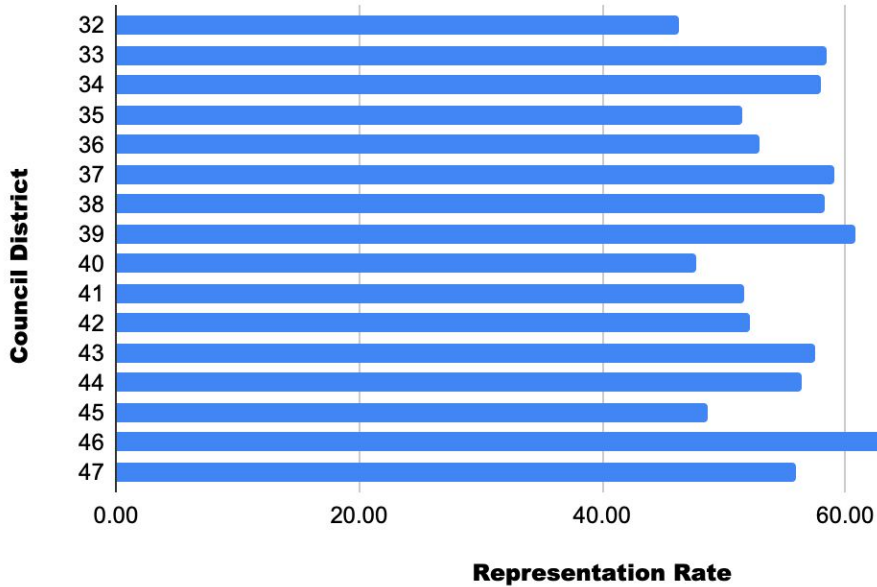
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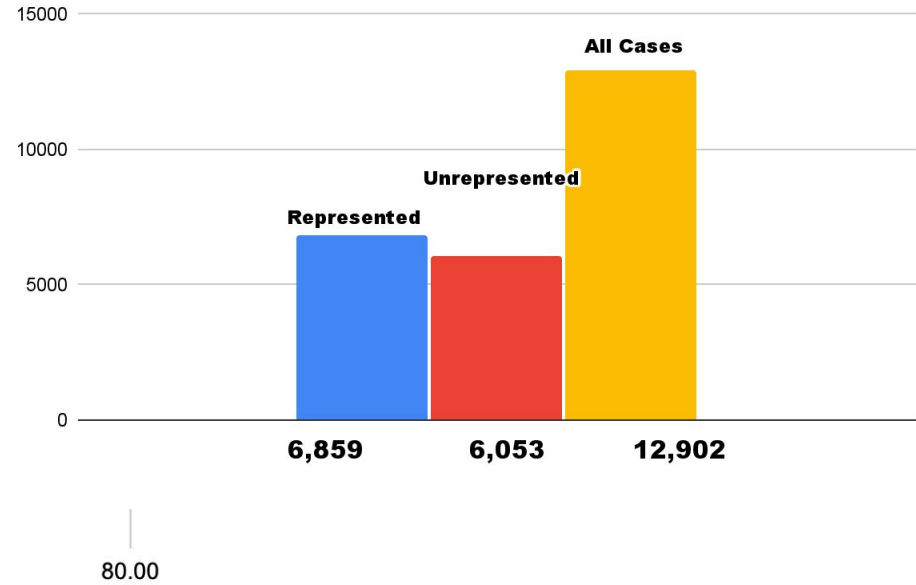
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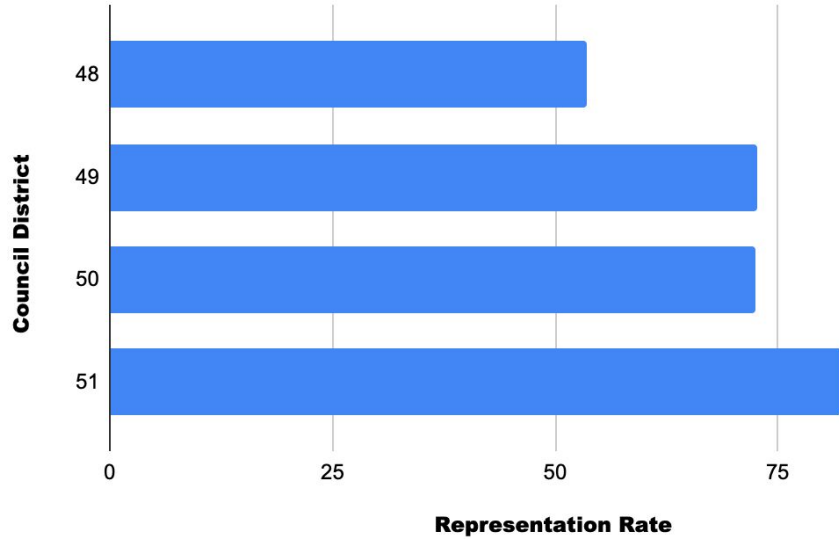
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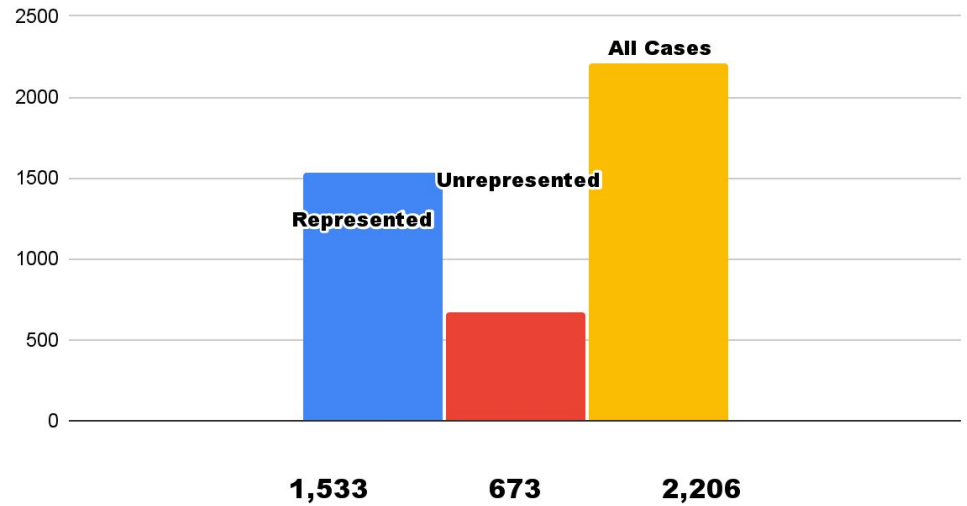
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Staten Island



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Our Solutions

- **PAUSE ALL CASES UNTIL TENANTS GET RTC**
- **FULLY FUND RTC**
 - Local Law 136- to hire and retain adequate number of attorneys
 - Local Law 53- funds organizing groups to educate tenants on their rights
- **PASS STATEWIDE RIGHT TO COUNSEL (A1493/S2721)**
 - Covers all tenants across NY State in all cases
 - Mandates Adjournments until tenants get RTC
- **PASS DEFEND RTC LEGISLATION (A4993/S3254)**
 - Mandates adjournments until tenants get RTC

What Can City Council Do?

- **Sponsor and Pass our Resolutions!**
 - Resolutions 499 and 345
- **Fully Fund RTC!**
 - Local Law 53: \$3.6 million
 - Local Law 136: \$320 million
- **Publicly Support our Demands!**
 - Attend our rallies, write about and speak on the crisis of evictions
- **Help us win our Statewide Legislation in Albany!**
 - Help us lobby your colleagues in the state legislature



Questions?

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