



## **Monty Freeman**

Apartment 2204

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Monty Freeman has been a resident of the Master Apartments for 23 years. An architect, Monty was first attracted to the building by its remarkable character and, after designing the renovation of two apartments in the building, he resolved that the Master was where he himself wanted to live. He purchased his first apartment in 1991, and after ten years in residence he had the opportunity to acquire the adjacent studio and to create a comfortable 1-bedroom unit. Monty treasures the diversity of the Master Apartments' population, the building's artistic traditions, and its sense of community. There is no place else he would rather make his home.

As an architect, Monty's interests center on the maintenance and physical improvement of the building; keeping our beloved Landmark looking good while modernizing the infrastructure to avert future problems. He has been involved on the Design Committee for some years, working on the lobby art project and other endeavors, and in 2014 Monty was invited by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy. As a board member, Monty's activities have included:

- Active participation on the Building and Design Committees
- Helping with the bidding process for the superintendant's apartment and participating in value engineering the project to bring the budget down without sacrificing quality.
- Working with Management and outside engineers to evaluate plumbing and other building systems; to avoid unnecessary, costly interventions while planning for prudent, long-term upgrades
- Oversight of the Terrace Repair project; bid analysis, cost saving, contract protections.
- Working with Management and the Co-op's building department expediter to remove building violations and to resolve open Alteration Applications - "cleaning up" our DOB file; necessary to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for the new super's apartment.

While Monty's expertise is in the area of building design and construction, as the owner of his own architectural firm (Belmont Freeman Architects) he is experienced in matters of finance, budgets, contracts, human resources and other aspects of operating a business.

Monty Freeman has a BA from Yale University and a Masters of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Monty has served on several boards, including the Association of Yale Alumni, Society of Architectural Historians, and Storefront for Art and Architecture, a not-for-profit arts organization of which he was President for nine years.