

Developer Paid de Blasio-linked Lobbyist, Lawyers for East Village Petition

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Ken Fisher was quoted in an article the *New York Post* discussing claims that a developer paid a New York City Hall lobbyist and a law firm with ties to Mayor DeBlasio to win approval of the expansion of a 10-story office tower in the East Village. The developer, Real Estate Equities Corp., paid \$200,000 to lobbyist James Capalino and the law firm Kramer Levin Naftalis and Frankel LLP to press the administration for permission to enlarge a building that is 20 percent larger than the area's current zoning laws allow. The plan was partially approved in June.

Ken, who represents Capalino, dismissed any conflicts of interest questions as “smoke and mirrors to cover the fact that the opponent doesn’t have good arguments on the merits.”

To read the article, [click here](#).

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