TIPS FOR NEW RENTERS

- Before you move in, take photos or video of the apartment, to document its original condition.
- Save money on your winter heating bill by putting plastic over any unused windows and sliding doors, and making sure that your windows and doors seal completely.
- When you’re looking at an apartment, run the shower and faucets to make sure that they work.
- The best time of year to look for next year’s housing is February - March of this year.
- Older apartments, like the ones in the 19th Ward, may have lead paint. Be sure to ask your landlord about possible risks.
- Make sure you know what bus and bike routes are available, and how long your daily commute might take.