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Mayor de Blasio visited the 8th floor two-bedroom of Dereese Huff, 52, president of the tenant association of Campos Houses I on the Lower East Side. Huff's apartment was upgraded under a public-private partnership between the city Housing Authority and the for-profit developer BFC Associates.

The effort to enter into this method of financing fix-ups at Campos began under the Bloomberg administration and continued under de Blasio.

On Monday Huff showed Mayor de Blasio around the apartment, endorsing the idea of taking the public-private partnership to other developments as soon as possible.

"I think it should be done everywhere," she said. "I don't think it's ever going to change unless it goes to public private partnership."

Questioned by the mayor, Huff provided a history of Campos from the time she first moved in when it opened in 1979.

"For a long time it was wonderful," she said. "But I would say in the late 1980s that's when things started going downhill."

That was round the time the federal government began getting out of the business of supporting public housing. As the years passed and maintenance fell behind, city public developments – including Campos - began to rapidly deteriorate.

Before NYCHA brought in BFC to manage and upgrade Campos, Huff lived with steam heat that often either overheated the apartment or didn't work at all. The electrical outlets often overloaded and shut down, and her family endured long waits to get anything repaired.

"It was dark and dreary and not good," she said.

Renovations began in 2015 and were accomplished while she lived there. The developer redid the entire kitchen and bathroom, repainted the entire apartment, upgraded the electrical system and installed a new heating and air conditioning system that functions well.

The kitchen now features a new GE fridge, a new Samsung dishwasher and outlets that actually work. In turn she spent her own money to put in a new floor and adding a touch of orange and fuscia and purple in the living and bedrooms.

"I just love everything they did," she said. "When you put in for repairs here you get a response usually within 24 hours."

The mayor asked, "What does it feel like to live here today versus five years ago?"

"I feel like I'm in my own home," she said. "Privatize them all."

"It's not privatized," the mayor noted. "It's a public private partnership."