



A nurse gives Desderdick some assistance as she wheels him through a hallway.



Desderdick leans back and smiles from a chair in his room.

It bothers him, Bruno says, that UCP is casting him and the co-op board as villains. "My best friend's daughter is a victim of cerebral palsy, and I love her like a daughter," he said. "Some of the board members have disabled children."

"People have testified falsely in this case," he said. "No way would we interfere with the comfort, health and safety of those handicapped tenants, but the leasees (Ginsberg, Geiser and Ratner) have gone on a campaign to show that they can dominate a co-op ... (and) UCP has decided to use this as a test case for putting group homes in co-ops."

The bottom line, Bruno said, is that "in reality, this is a community residence, a group home, and it's something I don't believe any co-op is compelled to have in its building."