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I spent several months working on this story after receiving a tip-off and photos alleging serious defects at the Skyview apartments.

I approached Toplace for a response and was eventually invited to take a tour of the development myself.

The company suggested there were no defects.

During the site visit, it became apparent there were still serious issues with the buildings.

At the end of the tour, my crew and I were escorted into a room and heavily criticised by Nassif's team including threats of an injunction and defamation action.

They suggested that I instead should investigate the Building Commissioner because he may be corrupt.

I asked them for any evidence that would support this claim but they could not provide any.

I also asked whether they had reported this allegation to any authority but they had not.

The criticism included legal threats of an injunction and defamation action.

The story on the Skyview complex was published the next day, despite a series of legal threats in the hours leading up to its release.

The one thing that kept me going, despite all the pushback, was thinking of the future property owners I could help save from a lifetime of financial burdens.

At no point did I ever see evidence to suggest David Chandler was not doing his job. In fact it was the opposite.

I am so thankful to see the ICAC thoroughly investigating the questions raised over this entire chapter.

I can now look back proudly for standing firm in my reporting and hope this brings about reforms that strengthen the protections for buyers.