



Building the blessed city together

ending
chronic
homelessness

& establishing a sound housing policy in NYC

Public Policy Platform

1) Permanent Housing Production

- Create 100,000 New Housing Units Over Ten Years, 33,000 Affordable to Low-Income Families
- Create 3,000 Units of Supportive Housing for Formerly Homeless Families & 13,000 Units for Homeless Individuals
- Maximize Incentives for Developers to Create More Affordable Housing by Overhauling Existing Zoning and Tax Incentive Programs
- Create a National Housing Trust Fund & A Trust Fund in NY to Preserve and Increase the Supply of Affordable Housing for Those Who Need It Most

2) Homelessness Prevention

- Maintain Existing Housing Stock Through Aggressive Enforcement of Housing Codes and Through Adequate Funding of Affordable Housing Programs in the NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD)
- Preserve Existing Federally and State Subsidized Low and Middle Income Housing and Also Fair & Effective Rent & Eviction Laws to Maintain Affordable Housing
- Establish an Early Warning Homelessness Prevention System Through the Creation of Community-Based Prevention Programs, especially in High-Risk Neighborhoods, and the Coordination of All Public and Private Agencies
- Provide Legal Assistance to All Individuals and Households with Housing Problems through the coordinated efforts of Anti-Eviction and Legal Service Providers, Government, and Community-Based Prevention Programs
- Increase Funding and Access to Emergency Cash Assistance and Emergency Grants to Families Facing a Housing Crisis
- Identify & Provide Housing Options for Those Being Released from Prisons, Institutions, and for Those Aging Out of Foster Care

3) Human Rights, Emergency and Support Services

- Respect the Rights and Dignity of Homeless People in Shelters, Drop-In Centers & Public Spaces
- Maintain the Right, and Remove the Barriers that Prevent Access, to Shelters & Drop-In Centers for Individuals and Families in Need
- Fund at Adequate Levels, Services to Address the Needs of People on the Streets, in Shelters and in Drop-In Centers, Particularly Supportive Services for Special Needs Populations
- Empower Staff at All Shelter Access Points to Provide on-Site, the Full Array of Needed Services and Benefits

4) Employment and Income Support

- Raise the Federal and State Minimum Wage & Expand the City Living Wage Law
- Create Local Living Wage Jobs and Train Workers Through Public/Private Partnerships
- Insure That Persons Working for Public Assistance Benefits Receive Appropriate Compensation & Have Opportunities for Education & Training
- Maximize Household Income by Streamlining Access to and Strengthening Federal and State Benefits While Also Increasing Outreach Initiatives
- Increase Rent Subsidies to meet Market Rents and Expand Availability of Rental Assistance
- Provide Adequate Funding for Section 8, and Other Federal Rental Assistance Programs, So That All Eligible Households Receive The Help They Need

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