



NYC Housing and Homeless Policy Advocacy in 2013

In 2013, there will be Municipal elections for: Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough Presidents and City Council members. With this as a backdrop, housing, tenant and homeless advocates from a number of organizations have banded together in various coalitional efforts to develop a comprehensive set of “policy platforms” that they intend on bringing to the attention of candidates to address in their campaigns and to enact if so elected. These efforts include “United to End Homelessness”, “Our City, Our Homes” and “Housing First”. A fourth coalition, the Real Rent Reform campaign, while not yet directly involved in the municipal elections, does have a number of their legislative priorities reflected in the platforms of the other coalitions.

Learn how you can endorse (for organizations) and support these efforts and then attend their forth-coming “launch” events. Please see links for more information and to get on “email alert” lists for events.



UNITED TO END HOMELESSNESS formed in late 2012 by a cross section of homeless advocates, providers, consumers, and faith leaders to speak in a unified voice during the 2013 mayoral campaign about creating real solutions for our clients, neighbors, and friends who are homeless or at risk for homelessness. Confronting NYC’s record homelessness will require strong leadership and smart, cost-effective policies. Working together we can create a roadmap for the next administration but we need your help. You can start by endorsing the platform (see: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B5LxJ17sRVCIZDhiUWtQ18zcFE/edit?usp=sharing>) and then join the coalition at the platform launch press conference at City Hall. Website to go public soon at: www.endhomelessnessnyc.org or call 212-251-4052 for information on the press kick-off event.



The **Our City-Our Homes** campaign was initiated by ANHD and others. NYC’s 2013 municipal elections present New Yorkers with the chance to radically alter the city’s housing policies and create a national model for quality affordable housing. The elections also provide an opportunity to focus attention on the current affordable housing shortage and the crisis of foreclosed and vacant houses in our neighborhoods. Now is the time to convince the next Mayor and incoming City Council members to take bold, progressive steps that can revolutionize how municipal power is used to both produce and preserve affordable housing. Please go to the ANHD website to read or download the “Real Affordability” report and the 2013 Mayoral Platform at: <http://www.anhd.org/resources-reports> . Organizations can endorse the platform and join **Our City-Our Homes** at their launch event scheduled for April 18 at Local 1199, 310 W43rd St. For more info: call 212-747-1117 x14 or email Erika.S@anhd.org .



The Housing First campaign’s mission is to address the affordable housing crisis in NYC and NYS by increasing the supply of safe, decent, affordable housing available to low and moderate income people. We do this by bringing together community, business, labor, civic, and religious organizations to raise awareness of these issues among public officials and the media and seek solutions to them, especially through public and private investment. Currently our top priority is to renew our NYC platform with an eye to the 2013 NYC mayoral election. We will also continue to press for more funding for affordable housing across New York State from all levels of government. Platform and website to go public soon, see: <http://launch.housingfirst-ny.org> and get on their email contact list.



The R-3 campaign primarily focus is on preserving existing affordable housing, particularly private rental housing, through strong rent and eviction protection legislation in NY. Currently working on “NYS Campaign Finance Reform” to limit the power of “big money” in the election process. For legislative platform, please go to: www.realrentreform.blogspot.com or call 212-979-6238 x201.