

Call to Action: Save Human Services for Public Housing Residents

We believe that New York City must support and sustain quality housing and services for public housing residents. The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is the City's primary provider of affordable low-income housing—over 180,000 families, 500,000 residents, in 340 developments across the five boroughs. As affordable housing grows even scarcer, it is essential to protect and strengthen New York City's public housing.

NYCHA faces a grim fiscal outlook with an unsustainable structural deficit totaling \$195 million, resulting from decreased operating subsidies from the Federal Government (\$150 million shortfall in operating subsidies) and the State and City's failure to provide operating subsidies for NYCHA developments they constructed.

NYCHA's funding crisis has jeopardized human services provided for public housing residents. If the City does not act, public housing residents may lose senior services, community centers, child care programs and after school activities.

We urge the City to:

1. Commit funding necessary to support
 - DFTA's senior centers and NORCs (\$30 million)
 - Space for after school and child care programs
 - Community center programming
2. Waive the \$25 million NYCHA PILOT payments (payment in lieu of property taxes) to the City since most nonprofits receive property tax exemptions.
3. Create a Task Force to recommend changes in the funding agreement between NYCHA and the City so that it can eliminate its structural budget deficit and maintain services.

Organizational Endorsers: Black Equity Alliance, Child Care Inc., Children's Aid Society, Citizens Advice Bureau, Citizens' Committee for Children, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies, Community Services Society of New York, Community Voices Heard, Council of Senior Centers and Services, Day Care Council, East Side House Settlement, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Goddard Riverside Community Center, Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES), Grand Street Settlement, Greenwich House, Hamilton-Madison House, Hudson Guild, Human Services Council, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, Neighborhood Family Services Coalition, New York City NORC Coalition, New York Employment and Training Coalition, New York Housing Conference, Public Housing Residents of the Lower East Side (PHROLES), Queens Community House, Settlement Housing Fund, Supportive Housing Network, Pratt Center for Community Development, Queens Community House, Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers, Inc., Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center, Union Settlement Association, United Neighborhood Houses, UJA-Federation of New York, University Settlement Society

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