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NYCHA & Housing Committee Meeting Summary January 5, 2024

Board Members Present: Antoinette Vereen, Anne Johnson, Loretta Masterson

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The NYCHA & Housing Committee represents the community's interests with regards to housing related matters and concerns, namely in relation to NYCHA, and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York City Housing Authority as well as local property owners and management teams.

II. Speakers

A. Gregory C. Baggett, Right to Council Coalition

Presenter was not in attendance, potential reschedule to February.

One pager was discussed.

The Statewide Right to Counsel guarantees ALL tenants across New York State the right to a lawyer when facing an eviction. The legislation would establish Right to Counsel as a RIGHT and:

- Cover every tenant across the state, regardless of income.
- Cover any legal proceeding that could result in a tenant losing their home.
- Require that tenants be represented throughout their entire case, not just when they show up in court. This includes legal advice, advocacy, and assistance.
- Require the State to contract with non-profit legal services organizations to provide Right to Counsel and with non-profit community based organizations to provide tenants' rights education and tenant organizing.

III. New Business

A. February Agenda Items

- Committee discussion on ways to improve committee participation in 2024. This includes a potential meeting date and time change from Fridays at 7pm to the first Tuesday of every month at 3pm. Meetings to potentially include potluck lunches.
- Committee to update TA Contact List for outreach and planning.
- Committee to use CBMS Constituent Service Request Forms to populate DNS.
- Potential future presenters include: Job Plus/GoodWill, HRA, HomeBase/Catholic Charities (recent presentation in November from Chasiara Perez)
- Potential Sponsors for Committee Events and or Trips include: Civic Engagement Commission, NYPD Office of the Chief of Department- Rapid Response Team, Local Elected Officials and more. Committee to put together a list of potential sponsors.
- Federal Regulations regarding tenant participation and tenant opportunities in public housing can be found here: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-964>
- Soundview Housing Parking Lot #1 is being utilized by non residents and remote entrance is desired here. CB9 to add to DNS.

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