



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder – District Manager: William Rivera

NYCHA & Housing Committee Meeting Summary February 6, 2024

Board Members Present: Antoinette Vereen, Jennifer Sayers, 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

The Right to Counsel NYC Coalition is a tenant-led coalition that formed in 2014 to disrupt Housing Court as a center of displacement and stop the eviction crisis that has threatened families, neighborhoods, and homes for too long. They assist tenants in avoiding evictions with representation from a professional lawyer.

The Coalition is made up of tenants, organizers, advocates, legal services, non-profit organizations, and other partners.

Their work is rooted in principles of dignity, diversity, equity, humanity, and justice. After a hard fought, three-year grassroots campaign, the Right to Council NYC Coalition became the first city in the nation to establish a Right to Counsel for tenants facing eviction.

Mr. Baggett is requesting a letter of support from BXCB9 that states that the board supports the Statewide Right to Counsel for ALL New Yorkers who face losing their homes in legal proceedings and urges the State Assembly, Senate and Governor to pass and fully fund Statewide Right to Counsel.

The committee is in favor of drafting this letter of support.

B. Lamont Cranston and James Deans, Good Will NY/NJ

Goodwill Industries empowers individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment to gain independence through the power of work.

Speakers Lamont and James shared they are available to assist residents with job placement and readiness. They are affiliated with local organizations such as Strive, Odyssey House, and the Fortune Society. These organizations help previous felons get their life back on the right track.

Goodwill industries has various training opportunities for people in various industries, including security, fire safety, OSHA, construction, etc. they also help with resume building, interview techniques, and job training.

There will be a Job Plus Career Fair on February 28th from 10am-3pm at 550 East 142nd St in the Bronx

III. New Business

- A.** Housing clinic telephone number: 917-406-9187
- B.** Committee Suggestion to host a Housing Ambassador that can help seniors and people with disabilities when it comes to housing in New York City
- C.** Committee Request for NYC Housing Commissioner to attend a NYCHA & Housing Committee Meetings to speak to the local Tenants and TA Presidents.
- D.** LeShonda Belton from Sonia Sotomayor Houses shared information regarding upcoming events at Sotomayor and will share updated flyers with details at the next meeting.
Flyer shared regarding upcoming Food Distribution Event on February 17th at 12pm-2pm at 1000 Rosedale Ave

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