



# 2024 Steering Committee Elections Candidate Forum

December 3<sup>rd</sup> | 9:30am – 11:30am | Zoom

*NYC Department of Social Services - Federal Homeless Policy & Reporting Unit*

*December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024*

# Candidate Forum Agenda

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- **2024 Steering Committee Elections Overview**
- **Voting Procedures**
- **Candidate Presentations**
  - Presentation Guidelines
  - Seat Type Definition
  - List of Candidates

# Steering Committee Elections

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Each seat is granted a 2 year term limit.

## 8 out of 17 available seats in 2024

- One (1) At-Large member
- One (1) Coalition representatives
- Two (2) Government representatives
- Two (2) Persons with Lived Experience
  - One (1) General member
  - One (1) Youth member
- Two (2) Non-profit organizations

## 2024 election timeline:

- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Application Opened
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – Application Closed
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Presentation of Candidates + Voting Opens
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Voting Closes
- December 17<sup>th</sup> – Election Results Announced

# Voting Procedures

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**Voting starts:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> | **Voting ends:** December 13<sup>th</sup>

## **Eligible voters:**

- Members of the Steering Committee
  - One vote per member
- Members of the PWLEx Committee
  - One vote per member
- Members of the YAB
  - One vote per member
- Organizations receiving CoC Funding
  - One vote per organization even if they have multiple projects.

# Candidate Presentation

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## **Candidate guidelines:**

- Each candidate was asked to prepare a three-minute speech about why they would be a best fit for the seat type.
  - A one-minute warning will be given
  - Microphones will be muted after three minutes
- Candidates unable to attend have submitted pre-recorded speeches.

## **Audience guidelines:**

- Remain on mute and use the chat to engage.
- Respect differences in background and experience. This is a friendly competition; don't forget we are all peers in this work.

# Candidate Presentation

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## **Individual**

- Seat is held by an individual. If the individual leaves mid-term a special election would need to be conducted to fill the seat.

## **Entity**

- Seat is held by an agency/organization, not an individual. The elected entity may designate a new representative mid-term if the need arises without a special election.

# At-Large Candidates

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## *One (1) Open Seat*

**Definition:** An individual or entity that has a demonstrated interest in ending homelessness in NYC and has expertise in a specific area that will be of value to the NYC CoC

### **Candidates:**

- **Shanet Dunovant** (individual)
- **Vivian Louie** (entity) – Community Housing Innovation
- **Theresa Manual** (entity) – CP Unlimited
- **Michelle Mulcahy** (entity) – Enterprise Community Partners – Incumbent
- **William Watts** (entity) – Coalition for the Homeless

# Coalition Candidates

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*One (1) Open Seat*

**Definition:** A group of at least five organizations that has come together with a priority to advocate for services and/or needs of homeless or formerly homeless individuals and families.

**Candidates:**

- **Tierra Labrada** – The Supportive Housing Network of New York (SHNNY/The Network) –Incumbent



# Government Candidates

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## *Two (2) Open Seats*

**Definition:** A government agency applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Has significant oversight with homeless services and housing programs in New York City;
- Is a NYC, NY State or, a Federal agency (excluding HUD).

## **Candidates:**

- **Jason Loughran** – Veterans Services
- **Andrea Reid** – Human Resource Administration (HRA) – Incumbent
- **Alexandra Warren** – Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) – Incumbent

# Persons With Lived Experience

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*Two (2) Open Seats*

**Definition:** An individual who is currently or has formerly experienced homelessness in New York City.

## **General Candidates:**

- Kadisha Davis
- Katasha Green
- Adrian A. Sanchez
- William Stanford Jr.
- Zaqanah Stephens

## **Youth (16-24 years of age) Candidates:**

- Vangie Gonzalez

# Non-profit Candidates

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*Two (2) Open Seats*

**Definition:** 501(c)3 organization currently funded by the NYC CoC. Offer perspective as an organization that provides housing and/or services to homeless or formerly homeless individuals and families in NYC.

## **Candidates:**

- **Clare Plunkett Acharya** – Anthos | Home
- **Ebenezer Ayiku** – Project Hospitality
- **Jose Cotto** – Urban Pathways
- **Michelle Sanderson** – Goddard Riverside



# The End

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