



# List of Candidates

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2024 Steering Committee Elections | Voting Starts: Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> | Voting Ends: Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

**At-Large** | One (1) Open Seat

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- **Shanet Dunovant** (individual)
  
- **Vivian Louie** (entity) – Community Housing Innovation
  - o CHI provides a full spectrum of housing services with over 100 programs in emergency and temporary shelter, transitional housing, supportive housing, permanent affordable and subsidized housing, market-rate housing, rent assistance, homeownership counseling and assistance, and financial literacy education in 9 NYS counties including the boroughs of NYC. CHI partners with NYS and NYC agencies such as OMH, HCR, OTDA, DSS-DHS, DSS-HRA, and HPD on a variety of housing projects and models. As Chief Housing Officer on behalf of CHI, I offer our creativity and diversity, expertise, and leverage to serve, preserve, and further the mission and values of the Continuum.
  
- **Theresa Manual** (entity) – CP Unlimited
  
- **Michelle Mulcahy** (entity) – Incumbent – Enterprise Community Partners
  - o Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for re-election as an At-Large member of the CoC. Enterprise Community Partners has been a proud member of the CoC for many years and is aligned with the mission of the Continuum: we support efforts to end homelessness by creating permanent housing opportunities through investment, cross-sector partnership, and advocacy and we bring both a local footprint and national resources to support these efforts. Some aligned efforts include co-chairing the CoC’s Income Access Committee, co-convening the Family Homelessness Coalition, and leading programmatic and advocacy efforts to prevent homelessness and expand and streamline voucher resources. Thank you again for your consideration!
  
- **William Watts** (entity) – Coalition for the Homeless

- With over 43 years of experience serving and advocating for unhoused individuals and families, Coalition for the Homeless is dedicated to eradicating mass homelessness in New York. Not only is Coalition for the Homeless the plaintiff in historic homeless rights lawsuits, such as those that established the legal Right to Shelter in New York and ensured shelter accessibility for those living with disabilities, we are the independent monitor of the NYC shelter system and assist more than 3,500 New Yorkers each year in all five boroughs through our 11 direct service programs. Through these programs and monitoring activities, Coalition interacts with tens of thousands of homeless individuals each year, amassing information about the diverse challenges the homeless population is facing and centering these perspectives in the solutions we propose

#### **Coalition** | One (1) Open Seat

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- **Tierra Labrada** – Supportive Housing Network of New York (SHNNY/The Network) – Incumbent
  - I have had the privilege of serving on the CoC Steering Committee for five years, including two years as a Co-Chair.

Beyond my individual contributions, I bring the institutional strength of the Network (SHNNY), which represents over 100 nonprofit organizations across the city that develop and operate permanent supportive housing (PSH).

The Network is also a leading advocacy organization, consistently championing federal policies to enhance the McKinney-Vento Act and CoC funding. We have actively pushed for critical reforms, such as transitioning the NOFO to a two-year grant cycle to provide greater stability for providers.

#### **Government** | Two (2) Open Seats

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- **Jason Loughran** – NYC Dept. of Veteran Services
- **Andrea Reid** – Human Resource Administration (HRA) – Incumbent
- **Alexandra Warren** – Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) – Incumbent

#### **Persons with Lived Experience (General)** | One (1) Open Seat

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- **Kadisha Davis** – Incumbent
- **Katasha Green**
- **Adrian A. Sanchez**

- My name is Adrian Sanchez. I'm a person with lived experience who wants to bring my point of view to the table and have a voice for those who may not always be heard
- **William Stanford Jr.**
- **Zaqanah Stephens**

**Persons with Lived Experiences (Youth)** | One (1) Open Seat

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- **N/A**

**Non-profit** | Two (2) Open Seats

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- **Clare Plunkett Acharya** – Anthos | Home
  - My name is Clare Plunkett Acharya, and I am the Director of Special Programs at Anthos|Home, a nonprofit dedicated to transforming housing access and addressing systemic gaps in the voucher process. As a first-time applicant to the CoC Steering Committee, I bring expertise in innovative housing solutions and a proven track record of placing over 150 families into permanent housing through public-private partnerships. If elected, I will leverage our results-driven approach and collaborative model to ensure the Steering Committee continues advancing its mission to end homelessness.
- **Ebenezer Ayiku** – Project Hospitality
  - My name is Ebenezer Ayiku and I am running for the non-profit seat on the NYC CoC Steering Committee. My organization, Project Hospitality is located in Staten Island New York. Our most recent participation on CoC committees includes representation in a non-profit seat held by our previous Executive Director in 2021.
- **Jose Cotto** – Urban Pathways
  - My name is Jose Cotto and I'm currently the Chief Program Officer for Urban Pathways, an organization that's been combatting homelessness for 50 years. I'm pursuing the non-profit organization seat as a new applicant. I've had oversight of numerous programs helping people who are unhoused, ranging from street outreach to drop-in centers, safe havens, ambulatory treatment teams and the full spectrum of housing.
- **Michelle Sanderson** – Goddard Riverside – Incumbent