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# RESIDENTS DECIDE

NYCHA – Nostrand Voting 90 Church Street, Floor 10-232 New York, NY 10007

# **Notice of Resident Vote**

Beginning November 8, 2023, residents of Nostrand will have the opportunity to vote on the future of the development. Residents will have the ability to decide whether to pursue one of two approaches to building renovations or remain in the existing Section 9 program.

Over the next 100 days, NYCHA staff will be on site to provide residents with information on the options considered during this vote. Under state law, NYCHA must follow the wishes of the residents and implement the option that receives the most votes.

#### This notice includes information about:



the 3 options that will appear on the ballot



opportunities to learn about the voting options



how and when to cast your vote

Please keep this notice for future reference. You can also visit <u>on.nyc.gov/voting-at-nostrand</u> for additional info and upcoming outreach events.

#### What are the voting options I will be deciding between?

In the upcoming vote, you will be asked to choose <u>ONE</u> of the three following options:

### The Trust

The Trust is a public agency that will partner with NYCHA to bring funding for repairs and upgrades to Nostrand's apartments, buildings, and grounds. Rents remain at 30% of income and resident rights continue unchanged.

## PACT

PACT is a partnership with private and/or non-profit partners that will bring funding for repairs and upgrades to Nostrand's apartments, buildings, and grounds. Rents remain at 30% of income and resident rights continue unchanged.

## Section 9

Under Section 9, which is how Nostrand is currently funded, the development will continue to be dependent on federal funding allocated annually by Congress. Rents remain at 30% of income.



#### Where can I learn more about the voting options?

NYCHA will hold four (4) town halls where information on each of the options on the ballot will be provided. Each session will also provide an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers.

Meeting location: Shell Bank Junior High School, 2424 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235

Meeting 1	Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Meeting 2	Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 6:00 PM (online)
Meeting 3	Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM
Meeting 4	Friday, August 11, 2023, at 11:00 AM

Please check our webpage <u>on.nyc.gov/voting-at-nostrand</u> for more information on the voting options, as well as changes or additions to the meetings listed above. Registration for the online meeting can also be found on the website.

You can send written questions and comments via email to vote@nycha.nyc.gov or mail to 90 Church Street, Floor 10-232, New York, NY 10007 and addressed to "NYCHA – Nostrand Voting." You can also call via phone at (212)-306-6794. All written questions and comments must be received by Tuesday, November 7th at 11:59pm.

#### Who is eligible to vote?

Any person who meets both the following criteria is eligible to vote:

- Listed on the household composition of an apartment at Nostrand Houses
- At least 18 years of age as of Thursday, December 7, 2023 (the final day of voting)

"Household composition" is defined as the Head(s) of Household and all other residents with permanent permission from NYCHA to reside at the development. Household Composition will be determined based on your most-recent Annual Certification or Interim Certification.

If your Annual Certification is overdue or if your household composition has changed, please complete a certification as soon as possible by visiting the Self-Service Portal at https://selfserve.nycha.info/. All changes to household composition must be received no later than **Monday**, **August 14**, **2023**.

#### How do I know if I am eligible to vote?

All eligible voters have been sent this Notice of Vote. If this notice was addressed to you, your eligibility to vote is confirmed as of the date of this letter.

You can also check the status of your eligibility to vote by logging into the Self-Service Portal and clicking on the newly added tile labeled "Voter Eligibility." Your voter eligibility status will be displayed. If you are the Head of Household, the Self-Service Portal will also show all household members and their voter eligibility status.



#### How can I cast a vote?

## The voting period will begin Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 10am and end Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9pm.

You may vote once via mail or online or in-person. At the beginning of the voting period, you will receive the following voting materials in your mailbox:

- A paper ballot you can use to vote by mail or in-person;
- An envelope with a mailing return address and prepaid postage you must use if voting by mail or in-person; and
- Information and credentials you can use to securely vote online.



#### **Voting by Mail**

You can vote by completing the ballot provided to you and using the return envelope to mail your vote starting on November 8, 2023. Your ballot return envelope must be postmarked no later than December 7, 2023 to be counted.

#### **Online Voting**

You can vote online **starting Wednesday**, **November 8**, **2023** at 10am through **December 7**, **2023 at 9pm**. Online voting is available for the entire voting period. The website address and credentials will be provided with the voting materials mailed to you.

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#### **In-Person Voting**

You may vote in-person at Nostrand Houses during the final ten (10) days of voting by using the ballot and envelope mailed to you. A replacement ballot will be issued at the voting location so long as a photo ID is provided.

#### In-person voting hours are listed below:

Nov. 28	Nov. 29 through Dec. 6	Dec. 7
10 AM - 9 PM	12 PM - 8 PM	10 AM - 9 PM

#### Will outreach materials and ballots be available in multiple languages?

Outreach materials and ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Russian, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese. If you would like materials or a ballot in any other language, please email vote@nycha.nyc.gov or call (212) 306-6794 no later than **10 am on November 8, 2023**.

#### What if I need additional assistance to vote?

If you need additional assistance to vote, such as a reasonable accommodation, please email vote@nycha.nyc.gov or call (212) 306-6794 no later than **10am on November 28, 2023**.