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Event Program

3:00 Registration and networking
3:20 Welcoming remarks - Dr. Anne Klagesen, Leader, New York Society for Ethical Culture
3:35 Introduction of the issue and the Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing - Steve Coe, CEO of Community Access
3:40 Why we need a 4th NY/NY agreement - Kristin Miller, Director of CSH
3:45 What is the Campaign and how it will make a real difference - Laura D. Mascuch, Executive Director of SHNY
3:50 History and success of NY/NY agreements - Stephan Russo, Goddard-Riverside Community Center and Ralph Fasano, CONCERN for Independent Living
4:10 Remarks from residents of supportive housing and New Yorkers in need of supportive housing - including Diana Burgos, Eili Bean, Cynthia East, Mario Gonzalez, Jennifer Johnson and Bryant Pewritt
4:30 Faith leaders in support of NY/NY 4 release an open letter to the Mayor and Governor including Raj Bhushan, Past President, Satya Sai Baba Center of Manhattan; Father Michael J. Callaghan, ED, Nazareth Housing; Sister Carol De Angelo, Director, Peace and Justice, Sisters of Charity of NY; Reverend Alistair Drummond, Pastor, West End Presbyterian Church; Rabbi Megan Goldman, Senior Jewish Educator Columbia Barnard Hillel, Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life; Marc Greenberg, Executive Director, Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing; Laura Jervis, Former ED, West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing, Inc.; Sister Janet Kinney, CSJ, ED, Providence House Inc.; Dr. Anne Klagesen, Leader, New York Society for Ethical Culture; Imam Souleimane Konate, Masjid Aqsa; Rabbi Marc Margolius, West End Synagogue; Dhanpal Narine, President, Shri Trimurti Bhavan Hindu Temple; Rev. Anna Plinke, Pastor, “2 or 3 project” of the New York Lutheran Synod; Reverend Scott Stearns, Ph.D., Pastor, Metro Baptist Church; Hemant Wadhwan, Hindu American Seva Charities
4:45 Elected Officials in support of NY/NY 4 including State Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, State Senator Brad Hoyman, State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Dick Gottfried, Assembly Member Joe Lentol, Assembly Member Keith Wright and NYC Council Member Steve Levin

5:15 Organizing for next steps panel/Roundtable and questions - Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi; Laura Mascuch; Shelly Nortz, Deputy Executive Director for Policy, Coalition for the Homeless; Stephan Russo and Bill DeVita, Executive Director, Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc.

5:45 Forum ends

Please hand your signed postcards and other materials to our volunteers
New York Society for Ethical Culture and Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing Host Forum Calling for 35,000 Units of Supportive Housing Statewide

City and State Officials, Tenants, Current and Former Homeless Individuals, Faith Leaders, and Housing Providers Advocate for New Supportive Housing Agreement

New York – The New York Society for Ethical Culture, a community dedicated to ethics, social justice, and education since 1876, and the Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing, a coalition of over 315 affordable housing, social service, faith-based and homeless prevention organizations, held a forum today calling for 35,000 units of supportive housing statewide. City and state elected officials, supportive housing tenants, current and former homeless individuals, faith leaders, and supportive housing providers shared stories and voiced their support at the New York Society for Ethical Culture.

With New York City and State facing record homelessness, supportive housing is by far the most successful way to end homelessness for individuals and families with the highest barriers to housing, like mental illness and addiction. However, there is not nearly enough supply to meet the need, and the current City-State supportive housing production initiative, the New York/New York III Agreement (NY/NY III), is expiring. Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing is calling on Governor Cuomo to launch a new statewide supportive housing program to create 35,000 units over the next ten years in partnership with New York City and localities across the state. Over 230 faith leaders signed an open letter to Mayor de Blasio and Governor Cuomo urging the establishment of this initiative.

Supportive housing—affordable housing with on-site services—is proven to end homelessness for people with the highest barriers to housing: the chronically homeless often with mental illness, substance abuse and chronic illnesses that, left unaddressed, will keep them cycling in and out of shelters, hospital beds and institutions for years. NY/NY III reduced use of shelters, hospitals, psychiatric centers and incarceration, for an average net public savings of $10,100 per unit per year; decreased chronic homelessness among single adults by 47% in the first five years of the NY/NY III agreement; provided stability, as more than 85% of NY/NY III tenants remain housed after one year; and raised real estate values for properties located closest to supportive housing developments.

The need for more supportive housing is urgent. Homelessness in New York has nearly doubled in the last decade since NY/NY III was created. Nearly 65,000 people in New York City and 10,000 in the rest of the state sleep in shelters each night. Thousands of others sleep on the streets, in abandoned buildings and makeshift campsites, while thousands more are exiting foster care, hospitals and other institutions each year without a home in which to return.
Not only is the homeless population increasing, but there is not nearly enough supportive housing to meet demand. Four out of every five people found eligible for supportive housing in New York City have had to stay in shelter or on the street because there are too few supportive housing units available. Outside of New York City, where there is no NY/NY program, even less supportive housing resources are available.

Supportive housing is a necessary step towards solving the homelessness crisis in New York State, which is why Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing is calling on the state to invest in supportive housing throughout the New York through a new statewide NY/NY IV agreement. To support the Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing, visit [www.nynycampaign.org](http://www.nynycampaign.org).

“Supportive housing is the fundamental solution to solving the homeless crisis in New York State. Supportive housing reduces the use of shelters, visits to detoxification centers, hospitalizations, emergency room use, and incarceration, and therefore saves taxpayers money. For this reason, 133 members of the Assembly and I have called on Governor Cuomo to develop 35,000 new units of supportive housing over the next ten years,” said Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi.

“The Campaign 4NY/NY Housing plan is a critically important proposal to provide supportive housing for New Yorkers in need. In the long term it is a cost effective as well as successful model to address the growing issue of homelessness, particularly among the chronically homeless. That is why I am asking my NY Senate colleagues to join with me in supporting the plan,” said Senator Martin Golden.

“Supportive housing is a proven, common-sense solution that helps homeless New Yorkers and their families get back on their feet, strengthens our communities, and saves taxpayers money. It’s time for the city and state to come together and invest in a robust NY/NY 4 agreement that provides no less than 35,000 units of badly needed supportive housing,” said Council Member Stephen Levin.

“With three homeless shelters in my district, I know the benefits oversight and social services have for the homeless population. By coupling permanent affordable housing with voluntary social services, we are taking the right steps to helping homeless individuals get off the streets. The benefits of supportive housing are well documented. Seventy five percent of individuals who are placed in supportive housing are still there two years later, which speaks to the success of this type of program,” said Assembly Member Joseph Lentol. “I call on Governor Andrew Cuomo to develop 35,000 new units of supportive housing over the next ten years. Governor Cuomo likes statistics and these numbers speak for themselves. I am happy to stand with Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi and my colleagues in the legislature to support this program.”

“There’s no doubt about it, we’re facing a crisis of astounding magnitude. In December, New York recorded an all-time high number of families and individuals living on the streets. These are children, single mothers, the elderly; it’s time we kick it into high gear and provide some tangible relief for all New Yorkers,” said Assembly Member Keith Wright. “Expanding NY/NY housing is a responsible solution as the program has been successful in helping individuals change course, rehabilitate and reestablish their place in the community. Lending a hand to pull these folks out of the cycle of poverty is our social obligation. Supportive housing is the most cost effective solution to homelessness but there is far greater need than supply throughout New York State. As chair of the Assembly Housing Committee, I join the Campaign 4 New York/New York Housing, my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and our faith leaders in calling for the creation of 35,000 new units of supportive housing statewide. We must act now, and I urge full support and swift action at all levels of government to meet this obligation.”
“It is absolutely vital that New York State step up and commit to NY/NY IV. Supportive housing has proved to be an essential model in the fight against homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse. It combines safe affordable housing with targeted health care and social services for at-risk populations, and saves taxpayer money in the process through lower shelter, hospital and prison costs,” said Senator Liz Krueger. “Given the record levels of homelessness in New York City, it is beyond time for an agreement on NY/NY IV for a minimum of 35,000 units over the next 10 years.”

Senator Brad Hoylman said, “Homelessness in New York has nearly doubled over the past decade. As we move closer to winter, when the number of New Yorkers staying in a shelter traditionally swells, it’s clear that we need a better solution. Supportive housing is a proven approach, addressing the immediate crises of homelessness while providing individuals and families essential resources for rebuilding their lives over the long-term. I commend Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing for all its hard work and look forward to working with my colleagues in Albany and New York City to implement this innovative approach to such a critical issue.”

“Supportive housing is an essential component of a sensible health program to improve outcomes and control health care costs,” said Assembly Member Richard Gottfried. “It’s long overdue to get the NY/NY housing effort back on track.”

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams said, "Increasing supportive housing in Brooklyn and New York City is an economic and moral imperative. The chronically homeless need critical social services to get off and stay off the streets. I urge our City and State to unite around a strong NY/NY IV plan to construct tens of thousands of needed supportive housing units, units that will meaningfully address the public health and safety challenges connected to our homelessness crisis."

“The New York Society for Ethical Culture is proud to co-sponsor and provide a venue for this important event. Dedicated to ethics, social justice, and education since 1876, we work to make the world a better place for all. There are few things more fundamental to the core of our mission than ensuring that New York’s most vulnerable are afforded the ability to live decent lives with the support services that they need and deserve,” said Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Leader of the New York Society for Ethical Culture.

“Supportive housing is a crucial program for the mental health population. It is the most integrated, cost effective way to serve people needing housing-related supports and help them succeed in the community. We need NY/NY IV to provide more statewide supportive housing, to ensure New York’s vulnerable populations are given this chance to succeed,” said Toni Lasicki, Executive Director, Association for Community Living. “New York State should realize the benefits of supportive housing compared to other costly alternatives like ERs, jails, and shelters. How can we let 67,000 New Yorkers live on the street and use expensive shelters every day? At the same time, the state continues to allow funding for mental health supportive housing to fall victim to inflation—upwards of 40% over the past 15 years. The state must do something, and more supportive housing through NY/NY IV is a step in the right direction.”

“Supportive housing is the best and most cost-effective long-term solution to New York City’s and New York State’s homeless crisis. Our elected leaders have taken encouraging steps to help ease homelessness, but we cannot really solve the problem unless Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio step up and commit to building 30,000 units of supportive housing in New York City through a new 10-
year NY/NY Agreement (with 5,000 more units elsewhere in the state). The time to act is now,” said Mary Brosnahan, President and CEO, Coalition for the Homeless.

“We thank our elected officials who have recognized the importance of supportive housing, which is a crucial and evidence-based social determinant in helping people with behavioral health issues,” said Phillip A. Saperia, Chief Executive Officer, Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies. “Furthermore, supportive housing allows people to remain in the community and sustained on the path to recovery. We have the tools to promote recovery, but not enough housing stock to serve the community. Our proposal to create 35,000 units of supportive housing over the next ten years will help to address this gap.”

“As one of the oldest supportive housing developers in the country, we know firsthand the many ways permanent housing can help people reclaim their lives, especially for those who have experienced homelessness, mental health issues or trauma. Having a stable home—a community with supports, friends and neighbors—provides a foundation for emotional and financial stability in many ways: by reconnecting with family, pursuing careers, adopting a pet, or just have friends over for meal. Yes, supportive housing saves millions of tax dollars; but it also restores a person’s dignity and hope for better future,” said Steve Coe, CEO, Community Access.

“Today hundreds of New Yorkers testified to the proven success of supportive housing and the immediate need for more units. Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio must come together and sign an agreement creating 35,000 supportive housing units for families and individuals now on our streets or in temporary shelter before a growing problem reaches the absolute breaking point. The people struggling with homelessness cannot wait any longer,” said Kristin Miller, Director, Corporation for Supportive Housing.

“New York is facing a homelessness crisis that simply cannot be ignored, and homelessness compounded with a mental illness, addiction, or disability makes finding permanent housing an even greater challenge,” said Judi Kende, Vice President and New York Market Leader, Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. “Studies have shown that supportive housing is the most successful solution to ending homelessness for individuals and families living with disabilities and other barriers, yet the need for this type of housing far exceeds demand. A robust NY/NY IV agreement will provide safe and affordable housing for vulnerable New Yorkers to help them lead healthier, more stable lives.”

“At a time when street homelessness is all too prevalent, one of the best ways to address the homelessness crisis across New York State is to create more permanent housing options, like supportive housing,” said Christy Parque, MSW, Executive Director, Homeless Services United, Inc. “We can do better as a state by creating real opportunities for our fellow New Yorkers to thrive in our communities, and the creation of NY/NY IV is essential for our most vulnerable homeless New Yorkers.”

“Housing Works is living proof that stable housing is a vital part of healthcare for New Yorkers living with HIV and AIDS. And research consistently backs that assertion up: housing status is one of the strongest predictors of access to HIV care and treatment, viral load, health outcomes, and ongoing HIV transmission risk. The launch of a statewide program to create 35,000 units of supportive housing over the next 10 years is absolutely necessary if we are to realize the vision of Ending the AIDS Epidemic in New York State by 2020,” said Charles King, President and CEO, Housing Works.
“At the very heart of virtually every faith tradition is the call to stand with the most vulnerable members of our human family. We join with nearly 250 faith leaders—Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and others—from all 5 boroughs and from around New York State in calling on the Mayor and Governor to join together in establishing a new NY/NY housing agreement to demonstrate to our congregations and faith communities that New York is committed to help all of our citizens—particularly those with special needs—to live full and decent lives,” said Marc L. Greenberg, Executive Director, Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing.

“As the membership organization representing more than 200 nonprofits that have developed the most innovative supportive housing in the country, the Supportive Housing Network of New York can attest to the fact that not only is supportive housing the most effective and cost-efficient solution to homelessness, it actually improves communities at the same time,” said Laura Mascuch, Executive Director, Supportive Housing Network of New York. “With funding from the incredibly successful NY/NY III agreement exhausted, we desperately need the Governor and Mayor to sign a new agreement to keep this spectacularly successful intervention going.”

“The answer to homelessness is quite simple. It is housing. VOCAL's membership includes people living with HIV/AIDS, queer youth and active drug users. Our members have additional needs that are met with supportive housing. The NY/NY agreements have ended a lifetime on the streets for many of our members and provided many of them with a home for the first time. We desperately need more housing and we need the NY/NY IV agreement,” said Jennifer Flynn, Executive Director, VOCAL-NY.

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About Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing
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One out of every seven homeless people in the United States lives in New York. Statewide there are roughly 67,000 men, women and children who staying in shelters at any given time.\(^1\) In New York City (NYC) alone, over 59,000 people, including 24,000 children, sleep in a homeless shelter each night.\(^2\) An additional 7,700 people\(^3\) stay in a shelter outside NYC. Thousands of others sleep on the streets or in abandoned buildings and makeshift campsites while thousands more exit foster care, hospitals and other institutions each year without a home.

Homelessness in New York has nearly doubled in the last decade. New York State (NYS) must end this crisis and invest in the most cost-effective strategy proven to solve homelessness for those with the greatest needs: Supportive Housing, which pairs affordable housing with on-site supportive services. We call on Governor Cuomo to work with NYC and the other localities with large and growing homeless populations across NYS, to create 35,000 units of supportive housing over the next ten years, 30,000 units in NYC and 5,000 units outside NYC.

Supportive housing is by far the most successful way to end homelessness for individuals and families living with disabilities and other challenges. However, there is not nearly enough supply to meet the record need, and the current City-State supportive housing production initiative, the New York/New York III Agreement (NY/NY III), is expiring.

Unfortunately, four out of every five people found eligible for supportive housing in NYC have had to stay in shelter or on the street because there are too few supportive housing units available to meet the current need. Outside of NYC, where there is no NY/NY program, there are even fewer resources.

**Supportive Housing Solves Homelessness, Improves Neighborhoods, and Saves Tax Dollars**

By almost every measure, supportive housing has been a success. It has:

- Reduced use of shelters, hospitals, psychiatric centers and incarceration, for an average net public savings of $10,100 per unit per year;
- Decreased chronic homelessness among single adults by 47% in the first five years of the NY/NY III agreement;
- Provided stability, as more than 86% of NY/NY III tenants remain housed after one year; and
- Raised real estate values for properties located closest to supportive housing developments.

\(^1\) 2014 HUD Point In Time Homeless Populations Data  

\(^2\) Coalition for the Homeless, The Catastrophe of Homelessness  

\(^3\) 2014 HUD Point In Time Homeless Populations Data  
A new statewide NY/NY supportive housing program should continue to prioritize individuals with long histories of homelessness and illness. Specifically, it should:

- Target the vast majority of resources toward individuals, families (including adult families) and young adults who are homeless and vulnerable, including those living with serious and persistent mental illnesses, chronic health conditions including HIV/AIDS, and long term addiction. This would include people living on the street and in the various shelter systems. It should continue what NY/NY III began by also allowing certain units targeted toward people exiting institutions into homelessness who have multiple disabilities and/or barriers to obtaining housing on their own.

- Allocate greater resources to help those with the greatest needs. Research shows that an estimated 20% of homeless families need housing with onsite supports – more than simple rental assistance – in order to overcome homelessness. Much greater proportions of homeless individuals, particularly those with disabilities, need both the housing and services that supportive housing provides. We recommend dedicating two-thirds of the units in the new statewide NY/NY program to individuals (23,350 units) with the remaining one-third for families (10,150 units) and youth (1,500 units).

- Promote creation and use of a coordinated assessment and referral system with a risk assessment tool that can match need with resources, and ensure that the most vulnerable families and individuals can access supportive housing.

- Provide adequate funding to operate the housing and provide support services. To be a viable resource, scattered-site supportive housing will need adequate funds to keep pace with market rents over time and all supportive housing will require long-term contracts as well as adequate operating and service funds to provide sufficient supports to help tenants remain healthy and stable.

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As members of the New York State Assembly we join with the statewide Campaign 4 New York/New York Housing and we call on you to commit to develop 35,000 new units of supportive housing over the next ten years in the following manner:

- 23,350 units for adults,
- 10,150 units for families (including young families, adult families, and those affected by domestic violence),
- 1,500 units for youth

The solution to homelessness lies in helping the neediest New Yorkers throughout New York State to recover their lives by providing them with safe, stable homes.

By wisely investing in this proven solution, we can solve homelessness, improve our neighborhoods, and save tax dollars.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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Dear Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio:

As Faith Leaders from many faith traditions, from throughout New York City and State, we write to you to express our support for strengthening and extending the supportive housing plan known as New York/New York and join the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing and more than 200 state and local organizations to call for a new City-State supportive housing initiative – the Campaign 4 New York/New York Housing - calling on Governor Cuomo to provide, in partnership with Mayor de Blasio and New York City and with other localities, 35,000 new units of supportive housing statewide for the most vulnerable New Yorkers. As you are both aware, we are at a crossroads in dealing with our large homeless populations. Permanent supportive housing is needed in particular for individuals and families with serious social service needs who face an uphill battle to find and maintain permanent, affordable housing and get off the streets.

At the very heart of each of our faith traditions is the call to stand with the most vulnerable members of our human family. In fact the very first special needs supportive housing program in New York was the St. Francis Friends of the Poor – for mentally disabled adults - established in 1980. Many members of our homeless population are our most vulnerable New Yorkers, including and especially those living with crippling mental illness. With 60,000 people in New York City homeless today, and 80,000 statewide – and given that only one out of six of the 20,000 approved applicants for supportive housing annually actually receive a housing placement due to the severe lack of available units, it is imperative that we all work together to establish a new City/State supportive housing agreement that fully funds the creation of 35,000 supportive housing units throughout New York State.

A strong permanent supportive housing agreement will send a powerful signal to members of our congregations and the general public, advocates and stakeholders and the entire country that New York is serious in its determination to end homelessness – and will help to affirm the public’s faith that Government is committed to help all citizens to live full and decent lives. New Yorkers look to both of you for your continued strong leadership on this issue.

We look forward to hearing from each of you as to what your administration will do with regard to this most important of issues.

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