

CB7 Housing Committee Meeting

November 4th, 2021

Agenda Overview

Welcome

Old Business

- Status Update: Fifth Avenue Committee Projects

New Business

- Supportive Housing and Vacant Hotels
 - a. Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act (HONDA)
 - b. What is Supportive Housing?
- Housing Working Groups
 - a. Community Outreach
 - b. Housing Economics + Research
 - c. Homeowners
 - d. Housing Accessibility

Meeting Schedule

Communication

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Fifth Avenue Committee Projects

FAC will notify the board once the Housing Application for the Sunset Park Library project is approved

Senior Housing building is making progress on 4th and 62nd street



Supportive Housing and Vacant Hotels

- Eric Adams NYT Article:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/21/nyregion/homeless-shelters-eric-adams.html>



HONDA Legislation

Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act

- Provides a mechanism for the state to finance the acquisition of distressed hotels and commercial office properties by the appropriate nonprofit organizations for the purpose of maintaining or increasing affordable housing.

Senate Bill S5257C

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

2021-2022 Legislative Session

Enacts the "Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity act"

HONDA Legislation

Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act

1. Senator Gianaris on NBC4: I-Team: Could Vacant Hotels Be the Answer to NYC's Affordable Housing Crunch?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cylvkLO_8S4
2. Senator Gianaris' Floor Speech on the Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act - June 9, 2021 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlwqm1tb_7k



What is Supportive Housing?

Resource: <https://shnny.org/supportive-housing/why-supportive-housing>



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing with onsite services that helps formerly homeless tenants with special needs live in dignity in the community.

ENDS HOMELESSNESS

Supportive housing is the single most effective solution to homelessness among the most vulnerable. It provides permanent housing and critical support services to those that need it most - people with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, HIV/AIDS, chronically homeless veterans, and young adults aging out of foster care among others.

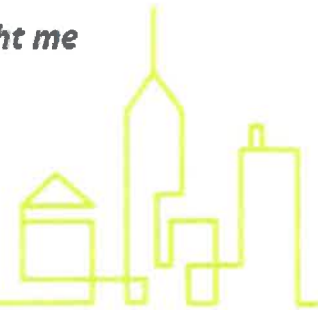
Studies on supportive housing show high retention rates, with **only 5% of tenants returning to homelessness.**

SAVES LIVES

Supportive housing provides a permanent home for individuals and families. Services provided are specific to the needs of individual tenants and can include case management, vocational and employment services, child care, independent living skills training, substance use counseling, and psychiatric and primary health care. Tenants are able to stay housed, get healthy, and reconnect to the community.

"Supportive housing brought me back to life"-

Supportive housing tenant





IMPROVES NEIGHBORHOODS

Supportive housing enriches communities and increases property values. Supportive housing's high-quality design and construction, excellent property management and focus on security improve neighborhood desirability. Studies show that proximity to supportive housing leads to higher property values.

Supportive housing provides 24/7 staffing and internal and external security features, which leads to improved neighborhood safety. Additionally, residences are subject to long-term oversight by multiple private and public agencies.

SAVES MONEY

Supportive Housing is the most cost effective response to homelessness. Supportive housing residents are typically frequent users of expensive emergency services like shelters, hospitals, prisons and psychiatric centers. Because placement in supportive housing reduces use of these services, it saves taxpayer dollars.

A recent study by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene concluded that **supportive housing saves the public approximately \$10,000 per person per year.**





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