

NEW YORK HOUSING CONFERENCE

New York Housing Conference
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Mayor Bill de Blasio
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Housing New York, the largest affordable housing plan in the nation, and the cornerstone of your fight against inequality in New York City, must be spared by cuts to the capital budget. The serious health and economic impacts of coronavirus on our city are profound and boldly underscore the urgency and need for affordable housing. Together, we are united in strong opposition to the capital cuts proposed in the Executive Budget. Affordable housing is central to creating opportunity for families. Housing is the launching pad for success and is needed now more than ever.

With a tragedy of massive unemployment and housing insecurity facing our city, we call on you to fully restore the capital spending plan for housing. The housing budget must be protected as affordable housing investment is the counter-cyclical tool that can jumpstart jobs, spending and the local economy.

It is also the way to house the homeless – an important part of the public health response to this deadly pandemic. As we approach reopening our city, investing in affordable housing must be part of our recovery – to bring back jobs, to stimulate the economy and most importantly to keep us safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



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CC:

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