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## Housing Committee February 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Board Office

### \*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*

Present: Jean-Pierre Kamwa, Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman (Chair), Shawn Smith

Excused: Henry Flores, Jason Wu

Absent: John Green, La Shawn Henry

Guests: Theresa Richardson; Candy Vives-Vasquez, CB11; Latoya Sweezer, HCZ; Shawnique Woolfolk, HCZ Art in the Park; Lydia Guerrero, East River Residents Association; Priti Bali-Kaiyn

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda—Meeting called to order at 6:37pm without quorum.
2. Informational Updates—Member of the public announced a citywide meeting of the presidents of New York City Housing Authority tenant associations to take place Thursday, February 7, 2019 at National Action Network’s headquarters. There was also an announcement that on Saturday, February 9, 2019, the Public Advocate was holding a forum specifically surrounding New York City Housing Authority issues at Taino Towers.
3. Presentations & Discussions
  - a. Discussion concerning the expiration of New York’s rent regulations: The committee discussed the expiration on June 15, 2019 of the rent regulations, which protect approximately one million apartments in New York City. The committee discussed possible action items to call for the extension and strengthening of the rent regulations. The political control in Albany presents an opportunity for the closing of several loopholes in the rent regulatory framework, for example, vacancy bonus, vacancy deregulation, individual apartment improvements, major capital improvements, and preferential rents. The committee will continue its discussion and take action on the foregoing at the March 2019 Housing Committee meeting.
  - b. Discussion on the lack of heat at NYCHA developments: The committee had a robust conversation with the public surrounding conditions at New York City Housing Authority

developments. The committee discussed specific issues at specific NYCHA developments in East Harlem. The committee offered assistance in intervening with NYCHA, as it did with Taft Houses, to try to get practical help to the residents, i.e., seeing repairs completed and conditions addressed. The committee also discussed follow-up action to see how funds are being allocated.

4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Quorum was not attained during the meeting.