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

*** AGENDA ***

Present: Henry Flores, John Green, La Shawn Henry, Jean-Pierre Kamwa, Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman (Chair), Shawn Smith, Angel Mescain (staff)

Excused: Jason Wu

Absent: none

Guests: Rena Mungin, Lincoln Houses; Caludio Orozco, CUNY; Shawnique Woolfolk, Art in the Park; Theresa Richardson, District Leader; La Toya Sweezer, Community Pride

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda—The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm. At 6:43 pm, the committee attained quorum, motion to adopt the agenda by Henry Flores, second by Jean-Pierre Kamwa, unanimously passed.
2. Informational Updates
3. Presentations & Discussions
 - a. Informational presentation on Co-Ops Go Solar and the HDFCs Oral History Project
 - i. Clara Weinstein, UHAB—Presenter did not appear at the committee meeting
 - b. Committee discussion on Rent Regulation Laws—The committee continued its discussion on the Rent Regulation Laws, which will expire on June 15, 2019. The committee discussed what tenant advocates consider to be the loopholes under the current rent regulation framework, specifically the vacancy bonus, the high-rent vacancy deregulation, the Urstadt Law, individual apartment improvements, and major capital increases. The committee discussed the opportunity that the current political climate in Albany presents to strengthen and renew the rent regulation legal framework. The committee further discussed action that it will take to support strengthened Rent Regulation Laws, including a resolution and letters to elected officials.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- a. Community discussion on response to the FY 2020 Preliminary Budget—The committee and public discussed the FY 2020 Preliminary Budget’s items that are germane to the Housing Committee. The committee formulated responses to the various agencies’ replies to the committee’s budget requests.

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment—At 7:49 pm, Xavier Santiago made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by John Green and passed unanimously.