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Housing Committee April 2, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Board Office

*** MINUTES ***

- Present: Henry Flores, John Green, Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman (Chair), Shawn Smith, Jason Wu, Angel Mescain (staff)
- Excused: La Shawn Henry
- Absent: Jean-Pierre Kamwa
- Guests: Theresa Richardson, District Leader; Priti Bali-Khan; Lydia Guerrero-Barla, VCH; ZK Zheng

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda—The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm, motion to the adopt the agenda by Henry Flores, second by Shawn Smith, unanimously passed.
2. Informational Updates
3. Presentations & Discussions
 - a. Informational presentation on NYCHA updates and key issues
 - i. Lucy Newman, Staff Attorney, Law Reform Unit, The Legal Aid Society—Ms. Newman presented to the committee regarding various issues facing NYCHA residents today, including, but not limited to, \$32 billion in capital needs; NYCHA 2.0 plan to meet some of those capital needs by way of privatization through Rental Assistance Demonstration and Section 18 conversions, as well as infill and the selling of air rights; the protections built in for existing tenants; and the idea of making the bundles of buildings smaller so that non-profit, community-based developers can compete.
 - 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 summarized prior discussions on this topic, addressing what tenant advocates consider loopholes under the current rent regulation framework as well as

the opportunity to strengthen and renew the legal framework under the current political landscape.

4. Old Business

- a. Continuing discussion on District Needs and Budget Requests

5. New Business—The committee reviewed and discussed its resolution calling on Albany to strengthen and renew the rent regulation legal framework. Henry Flores moved to adopt the resolution with the edits discussed in committee, which was seconded by Xavier Santiago and passed unanimously.

6. Announcements

- a. The NYC Council Committee on Public Housing will hold an oversight hearing on NYCHA’s Management of Tenant Participation Activity (TPA) Funds on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Committee Room at City Hall.

7. Adjournment—Motion to adjourn by Shawn Smith, second by Henry Flores, passed unanimously at 7:59 pm.