

Emergency Committee for More Low-Rent Housing

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Dear Candidate:

Housing is an issue which commands the attention of all New Yorkers. This year no one can be deaf to the clamor for improved living conditions among the ill-housed of our City.

The need for sound housing at rents low-income families can afford is clear. In 1963, only one family out of every ten who applied for low-rent public housing was accommodated.

On November 3rd the voters will be asked to approve a \$165 million public housing bond issue. This three-year program will provide funds for the construction of approximately 8,000 apartments. It should be noted that State funds for public housing have been exhausted and that we cannot begin to meet the demand for more low-rent units without additional funds.

As a candidate for political office you will certainly wish to declare your position on the housing issue. This Committee is preparing a paper listing the position candidates for public office take on the public housing Proposition. We hope to add your name to the list. We urge you not only to endorse Proposition #1 but to make better low-rent housing a major plank in your campaign platform. If you agree, we ask that you sign the enclosed postcard and return it to us so that we may include your name in the list of supporters of this vital bi-partisan issue.

The Emergency Committee will be happy to supply you with additional educational material to use in conjunction with your campaign.

Cordially,

Jane McCarthy

The Emergency Committee was formed by prominent New Yorkers to press for a comprehensive program for the housing of low-income families. More than 100 civic organizations are working with us in this effort.

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