

NYC'S A NEW LENS FOR HOUSING PLAN

LGBTQ+ HOUSING POLICY 

A New Lens for NYC's Housing Plan:

The next housing plan is an opportunity for communities and policymakers to widen the conversation beyond counting units, articulate new metrics, and develop a shared vision of housing policy for NYC.

New York City has one of the largest and most prominent LGBTQ+ populations in the world. The city has benefited from the creativity and culture generated by the LGBTQ+ community, as they helped to establish New York City as a safe haven and cultural icon across the globe. LGBTQ+ individuals come to New York City to live in a safe, supportive community and continue to play a major role in shaping the identity of our city. At the same time, LGBTQ+ individuals are more likely to experience poverty, family and household disruptions, homelessness, and discrimination. LGBTQ+ people of color, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals face even larger obstacles. The barriers faced by LGBTQ+ individuals make it harder for households to build intergenerational wealth and undermines their ability to thrive.

Our housing policies should be responsive to LGBTQ+ residents, support long-term stability, and ensure access to safe, affordable housing. Housing policy must address the diversity within the LGBTQ+ community including seniors, homeless LGBTQ+ youth, transgender and all gender non-conforming New Yorkers.

NEW YORK CITY'S HOUSING POLICIES MUST SUPPORT THE LGBTQ+ NEW YORKERS THAT HAVE FOUND COMMUNITY IN OUR CITY FOR DECADES.

LGBTQ+ adults are **2x AS LIKELY** to experience homelessness in their lifetime.

1 out of 3
LGBT seniors earn less than \$25,000 a year.

30%
of transgender adults report having been homeless at some point in their lives.

80%
of homeless LGBTQ+ youth have been kicked out of their homes for being who they are.

THE CRIMINALIZATION OF SEX WORK AND SURVIVAL SEX INCREASES HOUSING VULNERABILITY OF TRANSGENDER AND HOMELESS LGBTQ+ YOUTH

WITHOUT **DATA** THAT IDENTIFIES THEIR NEEDS, LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS BECOME **INVISIBLE** TO POLICYMAKERS.

INCLUSIVE DATA COLLECTION IS VITAL TO ACHIEVING **EQUALITY** FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.

24% of older LGBT adults live in substandard housing.

For LGBT older adults of color, this increases to **36%**

47% of older LGBT adults are rent burdened.

LGBTQ+ youth experience high rates of economic volatility and housing instability.

THERE ARE NO FEDERAL HOUSING PROTECTIONS BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY.

48% of older same-sex couples experience discrimination when looking for housing.