



ADVOCACY ALERT

NYC Announces Trailblazing Housing Plan

On May 5, 2014, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced his *Housing New York: A Five-Borough, Ten-Year Plan* after only taking office in January of this year. The proposal intends to invest \$41 billion to build 80,000 units and preserve 120,000 units of affordable housing in the city over a period of 10 years. The plan will reach a range of people, from those with very low incomes to those in the middle class facing rising rents in their neighborhood. The purpose of this proposal is to streamline regulations and processes in order to open up new development opportunities, contain costs, and speed up affordable housing construction. The city also means to double the capital budget, target vacant and underused land, and protect tenants in rent-regulated apartments. Certainly, these goals make de Blasio's plan the largest and most ambitious affordability plan of its kind in our nation's history, but if the plan is successful, the 200,000 units of housing will be enough to serve more than a half-million people in New York City. **We need this plan in Cuyahoga County!**

Major Components of *Housing New York*:

- Unprecedented Scale of development put in place in four months.
- Affordability for a Wide Range of Incomes
- Proactive and Strategic Preservation of Existing Affordability
- New Opportunities for Growth and Density and filling vacant land
- Quality Jobs created
- Fewer Unnecessary Barriers and Delays in developing housing

What We Have in Cleveland:

- Waiting lists of 19,000 for public housing, 6,000 for voucher programs, and 64,000 applied in 2011 when the Section 8 was opened.
- 9,000 vacant and abandoned residential buildings locally.
- Weak private market for housing rehabilitation even in neighborhoods where new housing is being developed including obstacles to assembling sites for large-scale housing developments.
- 22,000 homeless people and a growing number of homeless families.

We Need a Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Housing Plan!

What can you do to help?

Local advocates believe that this can and should be resolved by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. So we are asking you to contact Mayor Frank G. Jackson and County Executive Edward Fitzgerald with the **simple message**: we need an affordable housing plan backed by government funding to provide new and renovated housing for all Clevelanders. Take action today. Write to Mayor Jackson at 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 122 Cleveland, OH 44114 or call the Office of the Mayor at 216-664-3990. Write to County Executive Fitzgerald at Courthouse Square 310 W. Lakeside Avenue, Suite 700 Cleveland OH 44113 or call the Office of the County Executive at 216-443-7178.