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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Shola Olatoye
Chair/CEO NYCHA
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New York, NY 10007

The Honorable Bill de Blasio
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Mr. Raymond Ribeiro - NYCHA
Executive Vice President, Capital Projects
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New York, NY 10007

Dear Gov. Cuomo, Mayor de Blasio, Chairperson Olatoye & Ex. VP Ribeiro:

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, Community Board 12, Manhattan passed the following resolution with a vote (30) In Favor, (0) Opposed, (0) Abstain that supporting the inclusion of budgetary commitments with a priority of relief given to public housing in our community in the City's budget - given the challenges of a 21st century economy.

Whereas, There have been considerable NYC public meetings held, mass visits to legislative offices in Albany, position papers written, and testimony given to the Housing and Human Services Committee on the $15 billion dollar capital deficits forestalling massive repairs needs and the current $99 million dollar expense deficits of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA); and

Whereas, Some relief has been granted by the City's termination of the annual payments for police services that NYCHA had been required to make since 1995 and $100 million dollars allocated in the new fiscal year budget by New York State there is more to be done; and

Whereas, In May, 2015 a '**Next Generation'** NYCHA Plan has been put forward by the City that proposes to restore and sustain public housing and address some of NYCHA's ongoing capital and operating needs; and

Whereas, This is a critical moment for NYCHA the following budgetary commitments are essential also for long term fiscal sustainability and growth:

- *Commit $100 million annually in NYC capital funds over the next 10 years to major improvements in NYCHA buildings. The state's capital commitment of $100 million this year should be matched. However, both the state and the city will need to make a long-term capital investment in restoring NYCHA back to fiscal health.*

- *Dedicate $400 million in projected Battery Park City excess revenues over the next 10 years to help restore NYCHA buildings. This will mean forging an agreement with the Governor to direct those revenues,*

which were originally intended to address affordable housing needs across the city. For at least the next ten years, they need to be directed to NYCHA.

- *Support the termination of the $32 million PILOT payments (in lieu of property taxes) as per the Mayor's recent budget request that NYCHA would otherwise had been required to make each year to the city. NYCHA would then be included among nonprofit housing providers, hospitals, houses of worship, museums, universities and other institutions that are exempt from property taxes. These funds will augment the limited and inadequate operating resources NYCHA receives from Washington.*

Whereas, The City's adoption of these items and goals in its new budget would help NYCHA and restore decent living conditions its residents desperately need; **now therefore be it**

Resolved Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the inclusion of these commitments with a priority of relief given to public housing in our community in the City's budget - given the challenges of a 21st century economy.

Sincerely,

George Fernandez, Jr.
Chair - Community Board 12M

cc: Commissioner Darryl C. Towns – DHCR
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