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New York City Commission on Human Rights Delivers Over \$1 Million for New Yorkers, Helps Saves City \$3 Million in Shelter Costs

New York, NY – Since Commissioner Christine Clarke took office earlier this year, the New York City Commission on Human Rights has secured over \$1 million in restitution for New Yorkers who have faced discrimination, preserved 1,100 affordable units for voucher holders, and saved the City nearly \$3 million in shelter costs by preventing housing instability.

These results include nearly \$350,000 in damages for victims of disability discrimination in housing, more than \$600,000 in damages for victims of employment discrimination, and almost \$200,000 in civil penalties from those who violated the New York City Human Rights Law.

The Commission also reached a citywide settlement with the MTA that establishes publicly posted guidelines to protect riders with service animal, ensuring New Yorkers with disability can access public transportation without fear of harassment or intimidation.

The Commission’s enforcement of voucher holder’s rights has resulted in both long-term affordable housing and cost savings for the City. Since the beginning of the year, the Commission kept 31 families in their homes after they experienced voucher discrimination. Had these families been pushed into the shelter system, it would have cost the City nearly \$3 million. The Commission also created another 70 new units set aside exclusively for voucher holders through enforcement settlements.

These results are part of the Commission’s ongoing efforts to tackle systemic discrimination in housing with 1,100 apartments citywide that are either currently occupied by voucher holders or reserved for voucher holders.

“When New Yorkers are turned away from housing because they use a voucher, when they are treated unfairly at work, or denied access to their homes because of a disability, we step in,” **said Christine Clarke, Commissioner and Chair of the New York City Commission on Human Rights.** “Our work is not only about individual cases, but about addressing institutional discrimination wherever it shows up, so that New Yorkers are not pushed out of opportunity and into instability.”



The Commission continues to strengthen its enforcement model to deliver faster, more effective results for New Yorkers.

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About the New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)

CCHR is the agency responsible for enforcing the NYC Human Rights Law, one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Commission works to promote equality and combat discrimination in New York City through law enforcement, community relations, and public education. For more information, visit nyc.gov/humanrights.