



**NYCHA LIGHTING AND SAFETY:  
A FOLLOW-UP TO THE AKAI GURLEY SHOOTING**

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# A Sense of Scope

- NYCHA's public housing population (**400,000+**) = Atlanta, Miami, or Minneapolis
- **178,000** apartments in **2,600** buildings throughout **334** developments
- **4,212** stairwells, about **38,000** corridors
- **255,000** interior lights (in lobbies, stairwells, hallways, etc.)
- **26,000** exterior lights (entrances, facades, roofs, etc.)



# Pink Houses

- Built in 1959
- A campus of **22** eight-story buildings
- Over **3,600** people in **1,500** apartments
- **25** stairwells, **200** corridors, **3,400+** interior lights, **400+** exterior lights

2724 Linden Boulevard

- **163** people living in **63** apartments



# Staffing Across NYCHA

**2,700+** Caretakers and **1,000+** Maintenance Workers

- Caretakers remove trash, check and clean hallways/stairs, and maintain grounds
- Maintenance Workers assist with inspections and maintenance and make minor repairs



# NYCHA Repairs

- About **9,000** repairs completed citywide each day

## Lighting Repairs

- Average time to repair
  - **4.5** days for exterior lights (down from **40.9** days)
  - **8.9** days for interior lights (down from **62.3** days)
- **\$1.4 million** spent on lighting supplies in 2014



# The Federal Funding Decline

- Federal Government has reduced its funding of New York City public housing
- **\$1.16 billion** total loss in federal capital funding since 2001
- NYCHA must seek innovative solutions for additional resources



# Repair & Upgrades Progress

- Work orders down to about **100,000** from **423,000**
- Completion of maintenance repairs down to **9.6** days from **150**

## Lighting Upgrades

- Engaged in exterior lighting improvement projects at **50** developments
- Funded in part by **\$35 million** from the Mayor and City Council and Sandy recovery funds
- Benefitting over 100,000 residents at these sites



# Collaborative Effort

## Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety

- **\$210 million**
- **300+** residents participated in **14** listening sessions
- **49** CCTV installation projects to be completed this year (**44** completed)
- **27,000** feet of sidewalk shedding removed
- **184** light towers
- **38,000+** visits to Kids in Motion classes at certain NYCHA developments
- Nearly **50** jobs created
- NYCHA Domestic Violence Response Team
- Department for the Aging staff to support grandparents/kinship caregivers

NYCHA working with NYPD to improve reporting of unsafe conditions