



## **Coalition Calls on Mayor: Cancel the 2020 Tax Lien Sale**

The Coalition for Affordable Homes represents a broad array of housing organizations and legal services providers who are committed to protecting and preserving low-to-moderate income homeownership in our City. Due to the economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 virus, we collectively call on Mayor de Blasio to cancel the 2020 tax-lien sale for tax class 1 properties.

The COVID-19 virus is likely to prevent millions of New Yorkers from collecting income, which is quickly developing into an economic disaster. By cancelling this year's tax lien sale, the Mayor can implement economic protections for our most vulnerable communities. As New Yorkers adhere to the stay-at-home order from our government leaders, we cannot undermine the importance of home stability by proceeding with the tax-lien sale, which will exacerbate the economic fallout from the crisis and disproportionately impact vulnerable seniors and communities of color.

The Coalition for Affordable Homes believes we will be a stronger city after the COVID-19 virus but in the meantime we urge the Mayor to take swift actions to give peace and economic security to neighbors.

## About the Coalition for Affordable Homes

The Coalition for Affordable Homes is made up of **28 housing non-profits**, community associations, local development corporations, and legal services agencies that have seen the struggles communities face firsthand. Neighborhoods from Jamaica, Queens, to Wakefield in the Bronx—long-time bastions of middle- and working-class homeowners—have faced continued challenges over the past decade: predatory lending, speculators and investors, and skyrocketing housing costs that displace families from neighborhoods they've called home for decades.

## Coalition Members

- Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, Inc.
- Grow Brooklyn
- Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens CDC, Inc.
- Asian Americans for Equality
- Habitat for Humanity NYC
- Neighborhood Housing Services of Staten Island, Inc.
- Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation
- Neighborhood Restore/Restored Homes HDfC
- Bridge Street Development Corporation
- Margert Community Corporation
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corp. A
- Mobilization for Justice
- Center for NYC Neighborhoods
- Mutual Housing Association of New York, Inc.
- New York Mortgage Coalition
- Chhaya Community Development Corporation
- Brooklyn Neighborhood Services CDC, Inc.
- IMPACCT Brooklyn
- Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation
- Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn CDC Inc.
- University Neighborhood Housing Program
- Fifth Avenue Committee
- Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Inc.
- Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica
- Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
- Rebuilding Together NYC