



# Turning the Tide on Homelessness in New York City

*A borough-by-borough plan*

In 2017, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced “Turning the Tide on Homelessness in New York City,” his borough-by-borough plan for addressing the challenge of homelessness, which affects every community across the five boroughs. The Mayor’s plan will completely end the use of all 360 cluster sites and commercial hotel facilities citywide, while opening a smaller number of new, more effective borough-based shelters. This will reduce the number of Department of Homeless Services’ facilities by 45 percent across New York City.

The plan’s guiding principle is community and people first, giving New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, who come from every community across the five boroughs, the opportunity to be sheltered closer to their support networks and anchors of life, including jobs, healthcare, schools, family, houses of worship, and communities they last called home in order to more quickly stabilize their lives.

## **Turning the Tide in Brooklyn Community District 14: The Facts**

**Ending Stop Gap Measures: No More Commercial Hotel and Cluster Use**— The Mayor’s plan commits to ending the use of all cluster sites and commercial hotel facilities citywide while opening new high-quality, borough-based sites that more effectively address our clients’ unique needs, recognizing there is no one-size-fits-all solution to this citywide challenge. As the Mayor has said, New Yorkers can and do experience homelessness in every community in New York City and we are committed to ensuring that, over time, shelters are distributed equitably to meet the need in all five boroughs.

**Creating New High-Quality Capacity: Meeting New Yorkers’ Needs**— This new high-quality borough-based facility at 1 Kenilworth Place will offer 200 single adult women experiencing homelessness the opportunity to get back on their feet closer to support networks and communities they last called home. Comprehensive social services will be provided to these individuals, including on-site services such as case management, individual and group counseling, permanency planning and housing placement assistance, referrals to medical and mental health services, support groups, independent living and life skills workshops, and support in finding and securing employment.

**Closer to Community and Support Networks: 200 Single Adult Women Return Home**— In partnership with experienced not-for-profit social service provider Children’s Rescue Fund (CRF), we will be offering 200 New Yorkers the opportunity to be sheltered closer to their support networks and anchors of life, including jobs, health care, schools, family, houses of worship, and the communities they last called home in order to more quickly stabilize their lives. To that end, we will be prioritizing placement of individuals from Brooklyn, including Community District 14, at this residence, which will more effectively help these New Yorkers experiencing homelessness regain stability.

**Stabilizing Lives: Helping Homeless Neighbors Get Back on Their Feet**— Under the de Blasio Administration’s Housing New York Plan to build or preserve an historic 300,000 units of affordable housing, the City has financed more than 167,000 affordable homes. In Brooklyn Community District 14 specifically, this has included the creation or preservation of nearly 1,000 affordable housing units – 455 of which or 46% are for low-income New Yorkers. Additionally, under this Administration, DHS has helped nearly 1,900 households transition out of shelter and into permanent, affordable housing in this community.

**Engaging the Community: Seeking Input and Open Dialogue**— We welcome community input as we move forward, and, where possible, we will make adjustments based on community feedback to ensure our facilities are seamlessly integrated into the community and our clients receive a warm welcome. To continue this ongoing dialogue and to support our mission to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness stabilize their lives, please consider joining the Community Advisory Board for 1 Kenilworth Place.