

DID YOU KNOW? NYCHA leadership and politicians are pushing to end public housing in NYC! Right now they are trying to approve a plan in support of privatization, but tenants are saying no!

WHAT IS PUBLIC HOUSING? Also called Section 9, it is a national program of government owned and operated housing that provides the only truly affordable homes for families, seniors, and disabled tenants.

HOW IS THE CITY ENDING PUBLIC HOUSING IN NYC? Through RAD/PACT & the Preservation Trust, presented as different plans, both would work together to transfer all public housing units in NYC from Section 9 to Section 8, ending public housing in our city.

WHAT IS SAVE SECTION 9? We are a growing National Coalition led by public housing tenants fighting to improve our homes, preserve and expand Section 9. You have the right to decide whether or not to leave NYCHA and go to Section 8. Private profiteers benefit from uninformed tenants. We need your help to make sure your neighbors are empowered.

Share this flyer with your neighbors and encourage them to get involved!

Find out more on our Facebook by following the QR code or visiting <http://www.facebook.com/groups/savesection9>

Join our weekly Zoom meetings Thursdays at 7:00pm!
Visit <http://www.bit.ly/wedswithss9>



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NYCHA IS TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A CITY-WIDE VOTE THAT THEY HOPE WILL PRIVATIZE ALL PUBLIC HOUSING IN NYC.

Specifically, the vote will ask all public housing residents in NYC to vote on whether they want to:

- Converting to the **Preservation Trust aka Section 8**
- Converting to **RAD/PACT**
- "Status quo"—a misleading way to describe **Section 9**

The proposed voting process is undemocratic, confusing, and designed to force residents into RAD/PACT or the Preservation Trust. We are sharing a number of our concerns inside this handout as a starting place for crafting your own comments.

What can you do about it?

1. Submit your testimony! NYCHA is accepting resident input on this voting process until November 23rd. Voice your concerns by emailing public.comments@nycha.nyc.gov and cc or bcc savesection9@gmail.com.

See our detailed concerns inside, and scan the QR code or follow the link below to share with your neighbors:
www.tinyurl.com/nychavotestatement



2. Talk to you your neighbors about the risks of leaving Section 9! Many people don't even know this is happening.

3. If you are connected to an organization who would like to sign on to a statement of solidarity with Save Section 9 about the travesties of this voting process, please reach out to us at savesection9@gmail.com

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1. THE PRIVATIZATION VOTE IS A DISTRACTION FROM REPAIRS!

NYCHA has only slated 62,000 units for RAD/PACT, and 25,000 units for the Trust. Moving forward without securing additional funding for Section 9 leaves 80,000 units in limbo.

2. TO CALL SECTION 9 THE "STATUS QUO" IS MANIPULATIVE!

This gives the tenants a choice between the risks of privatization or continued disinvestment and disrepair, obscuring an outcome that preserves and protects public housing for the next generation.

3. VOTING IN BLIND FAITH IS BAD POLICYMAKING!

State law only permits a maximum of 25,000 units to enter the Preservation Trust. Yet all residents across the city are being asked to participate in this vote? NYCHA is using the vote to create an appearance of tenant consent without answering our many questions and concerns.

NYCHA's resident engagement has not been meaningful and/or democratic.

4. TENANTS DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE RISKS!

NYCHA continues to paint a rosy picture of both programs, ignoring critical research from Human Rights Watch and the National Housing Law Project that concluded RAD leads to violations and abuses of tenants' rights and protections.

The voting protocols are confusing and do not ensure a fair outcome.

5. THE VOTING PROCESS HAS 6 DIFFERENT TIMELINES!

There are 100 days of outreach ahead of the vote, notification of tenants 30 prior, 21 days to vote in person, 11 days to vote online and by mail, and 10 days to vote in-person, online and by mail. This is very confusing! These timelines should be simplified and extended to ensure that tenants can participate.

We demand a fair and just voting procedure!

6. ONLY 10% OF TENANT PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED!

We continue to demand a vote threshold of 75% of lease holders for a valid outcome on such a major and irreversible decision.

7. NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE THIRD PARTY WHO WILL RUN THE VOTE AND DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE RESULTS!

According to NYCHA, a third party will be appointed as the Voter Administrator. They will oversee and implement the voting procedure and attest to its validity. Tenants need recourse in case of grievances. We demand oversight and accountability.

Can you believe it?! NYCHA only spent 6% of its annual budget in 2021. This included the additional \$2 billion allocated to NYCHA from the federal monitor agreement. Let's overhaul how the money is spent, rather than introduce a profit motive into a public good.

SECTION 9

Protects tenants

- Rent is capped at 30% regardless of income
- Requires tenant associations and council of presidents to self-govern and decide on major changes
- Public money supports a public investment that benefits many
- Presents a working alternative to commodified housing and a model we can expand to provide housing for all

SECTION 8

Protects real estate interests

- Tenants must apply & requalify for vouchers each year
- High risk of eviction
- Tenants no longer have input on the future of their buildings and the rules in their leases
- Public money funds payment to private entities
- Contributes to greater speculation on housing for profit, not as a human right
- Ends nycha & public housing as we know it