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## AGENDA

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

- 6:30 – 6:45 PM** Welcome Remarks & Overview from ANHD Executive Director Barika X. Williams
- 6:45 – 7:05 PM** Live Performance by The Peace Poets
- 7:05 – 7:25 PM** Art & Community Development Conversations
- 7:25 – 7:30 PM** Closing Remarks

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

- 1:00 – 1:15 PM** Welcome Remarks & Overview from ANHD Executive Director Barika X. Williams and lead sponsor Citi's Director of US Community Relations, Michelle Thornhill
- 1:15 – 1:30 PM** Keynote Address by HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge
- 1:30 – 2:15 PM** A Conversation on the Federal Community Development Landscape
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM** Networking / Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 PM** Option to attend one of the following Panel Discussions:
- Integrating NYC's Housing Plan: Are We Really All in This Together?
  - Weathering the Storm: What Does the Climate Crisis Mean for Housing Development?
  - Sustaining Power in Times of Sustained Crisis
  - Understanding and Undoing Inequality in NYC's Commercial Corridors
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM** Broadband Networking / Break
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM** COVID Response Recap: The Impact of Neighborhoods Now
- 4:30 – 5:00 PM** A Special Tribute to Housing Justice Champions

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021

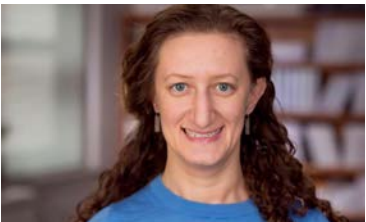
- 1:00 – 1:10 PM** Welcome Remarks & Overview from ANHD Executive Director Barika X. Williams
- 1:10 – 2:15 PM** Policy Plenary: From Race-Blind Towards Racial Justice Policies
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM** Special Racial Equity Networking / Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 PM** Option to attend one of the following Panel Discussions:
- Planning for Equity: How Comprehensive Planning Can Advance Racial & Economic Justice
  - Community Reinvestment Act: What Changes Could Mean for Our Communities
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM** Networking / Break
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM** A Conversation on the State Community Development Landscape
- 4:30 – 5:00 PM** Closing Address from the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State



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# ABOUT ANHD

Since our founding in 1974, ANHD helped to make New York City's community development and grassroots neighborhood-based groups among the most effective in the country by providing comprehensive training, robust capacity-building and apprenticeship programs, and high-impact policy research.

**ANHD's mission** is to build community power to win affordable housing and thriving, equitable neighborhoods for all New Yorkers. We believe housing justice is economic justice is racial justice.

**ANHD values** justice, equity and opportunity. We believe in the importance of movement-building that centers marginalized communities in our work.

**ANHD is committed** to serving our member organizations and the causes they fight for.

Our members work in some of New York City's most marginalized, distressed, and under-invested neighborhoods, and they directly touch the lives of nearly half a million low- and middle-income New Yorkers annually.



## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

We did things a little differently this year. Rather than gathering our community development movement at the Grand Hyatt for one day, we transitioned to a three-day virtual event in order to convene, collaborate, and converse safely amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. We are so happy that so many of you were able to log on between Tuesday, October 5, 2021 and Thursday, October 7, 2021 for **ANHD's 10th Annual Community Development Conference**. We truly embodied this year's theme **Fight Forward: People, Policies, Progress**.

We opened the three day conference with a deeply moving, energizing, and grounding live performance from the Bronx-based group **The Peace Poets** – artists that fuse song, poetry, and education into activism through the power of personal narratives and the uplifting of community voices. The Peace Poets regaled us with their musical talents, and then discussed art, expression, and activism through thoughtful dialogue in breakout groups. They left us with the reminder that none of us come to this work alone; we build on the work of those before us and those working in community with us.

On day two **Marcia L. Fudge, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development**, opened with a keynote address that shared her goals for her department and how she plans to work with the federal administration to make sure our communities get the support they so desperately need. We then welcomed **Juanita Lewis, Executive Director of Community Voices Heard (CVH); Katrell Lewis, Vice President of Government & Community Partnerships at Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County; and Lena Afridi, Director of Policy and Strategic Partnerships at the Pratt Center** to discuss the federal housing landscape, including housing as infrastructure, and the challenges and opportunities for ANHD's members and partners to advance our communities' housing needs at the federal level.

Later in the afternoon, we had a conversation on the Neighborhoods Now program, a COVID-19 response program led by the Urban Design Forum and Van Alen Institute in partnership with 11 community-based organizations across New York City, including

several ANHD members. **Dan McPhee, Executive Director of the Urban Design Forum** spoke with **Ryan Gilliam, Executive Director of FABnyc** about what they were able to accomplish for their community thanks to Neighborhoods Now.

On the third day, ANHD Member **Michael Partis, Executive Director of the Bronx Community Development Initiative** led our policy plenary about how to move from race-blind to racial justice policies with **Bianca Guerrero, Fund Excluded Workers Coalition Coordinator at Make the Road NY; Cheryl Pahaham, Member of the Racial Impact Study Coalition; and Paulina Gonzalez-Brito, Executive Director of the California Reinvestment Coalition**. And following a similar format to our federal community development discussion on Day Two, **Emily Goldstein, Director of Organizing and Advocacy at ANHD** moderated a discussion on what we want to see from the New York State government on community development with **Rolando Guzman, Deputy Director Community Preservation at St Nicks Alliance; Bernell Grier, Executive Director of IMPACCT Brooklyn and a Member of ANHD's Board of Directors; and Ahyoung Kim, Associate Director of Small Business Programs at the Asian American Federation**.

That conversation blended nicely into our closing keynote address with the **Honorable Kathy Hochul, the Governor of New York State**, who emphasized her commitment to moving forward New York's Emergency Rental Assistance Program and working to address the needs of our communities.

The six panel discussions that rounded out the event were developed in order to directly correspond to the community development issues we know are key to the movement right now. They offered us the chance to convene experts from across the field to discuss timely matters, from discussing New York City's housing plan, to climate change, to sustaining power, to our commercial corridors, to the Community Reinvestment Act, to planning for equity.

The last 18 months have been nothing short of challenging and at times, quite devastating. We also wanted to dedicate some space to honor the lives of three housing justice champions we lost over the course of that time period. **Carmen Vega Rivera, tireless CASA leader from the Bronx; Tom Waters, dedicated supporter of the housing movement and Community Service Society of New York Housing Policy Analyst; and Harriet Putterman, long-time Lower East Side organizer with Cooper Square Committee** will be forever missed.

We left these days feeling energized after exploring some of the crucial opportunities and challenges of the moment. We are committed as ever to fight forward with you all towards a shared equitable community development vision.

I hope this digital journal serves as a reminder of what we have accomplished these three days and in the tumultuous times since with highlights of the people, dialogues, and supporters. Thank you for all your work and your partnership, and we look forward to building affordable housing and equitable economic development opportunities with you in the coming year.

Barika Williams, Executive Director



A TRIBUTE TO OUR HOUSING  
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ANHD presents a special tribute  
to housing justice champions we  
recently lost.

Tom Waters

April 2020

Community Service Society Housing and  
Policy Analyst and dedicated supporter  
of the housing movement



Carmen Vega-Rivera

December 2019

CASA leader and fearless  
fighter for justice



Harriet Putterman

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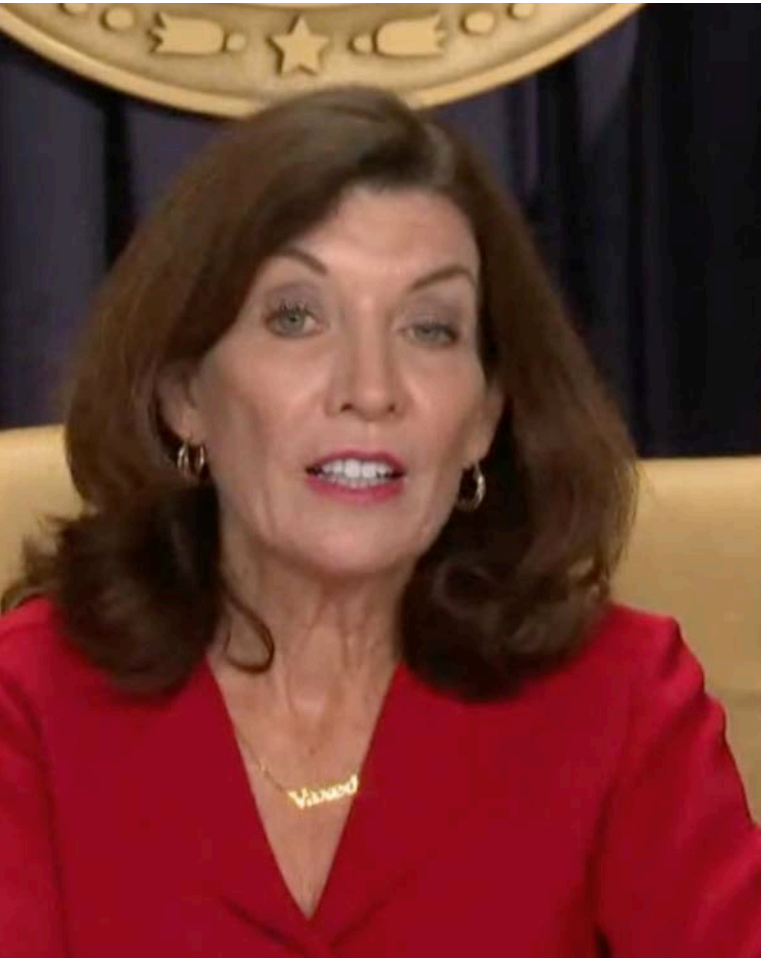
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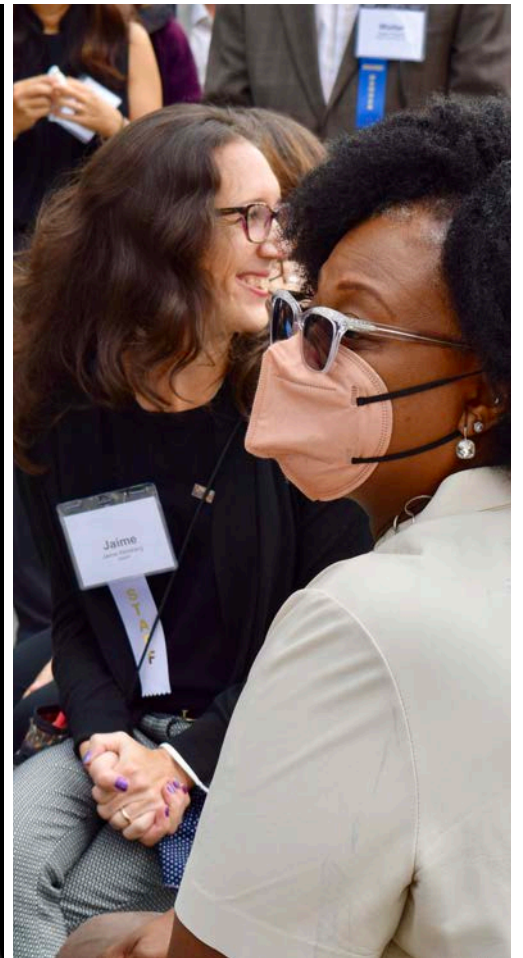




**Secretary Marcia Fudge**

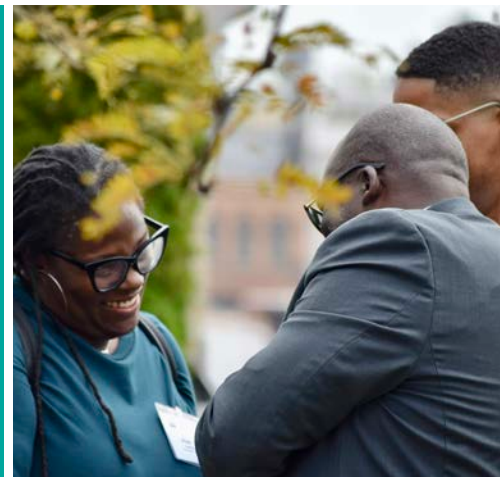


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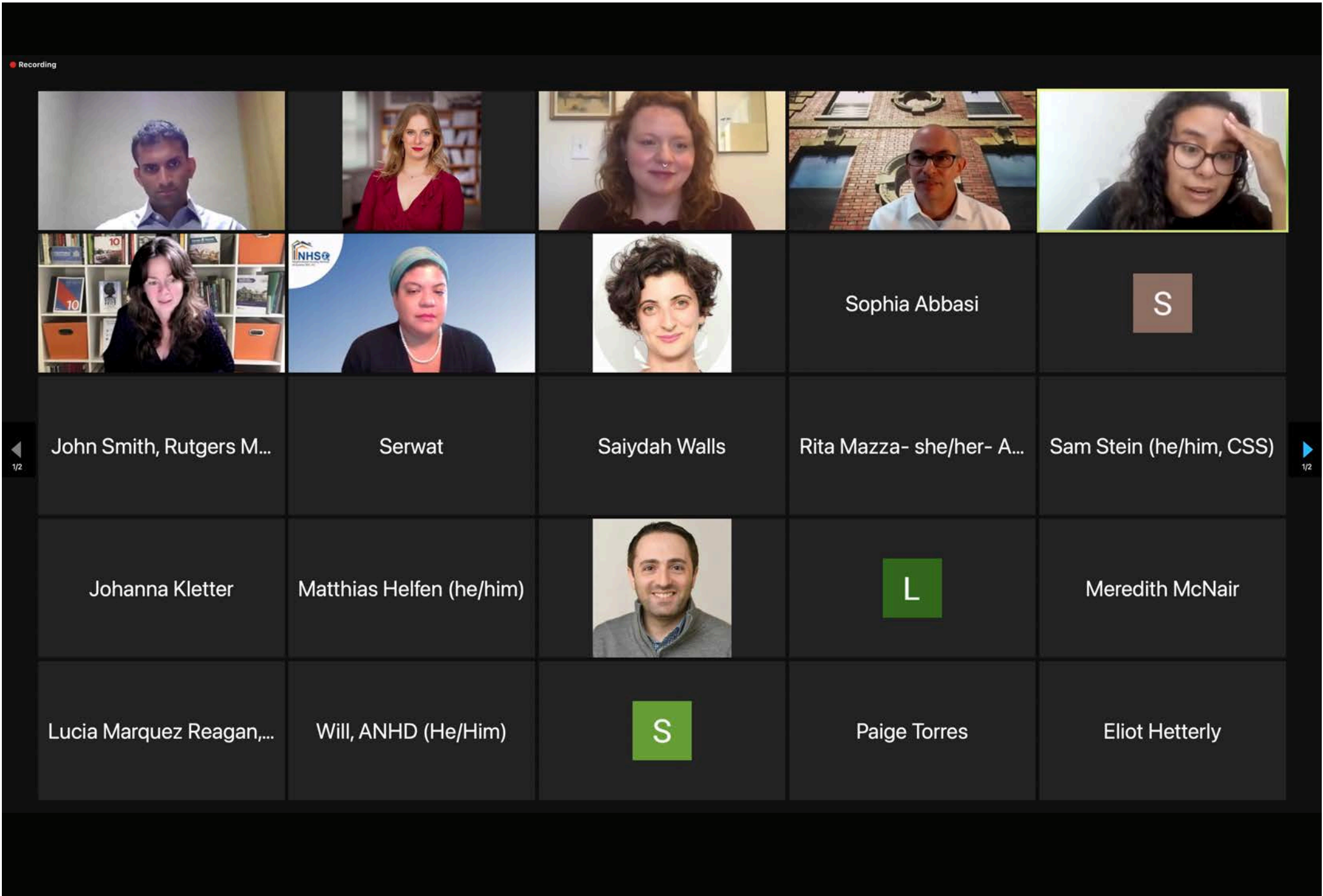


"Homeless is a strain on this country. We know it, you know, but we need the rest of the country to know it too."

~HUD SECRETARY MARCIA L. FUDGE







"This is not housing vs. this or this. This is about getting people back to work. We shouldn't be pitting housing against other things."

~ BERNELL GRIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IMPACCT BK AND BOARD MEMBER OF ANHD







Michael Partis



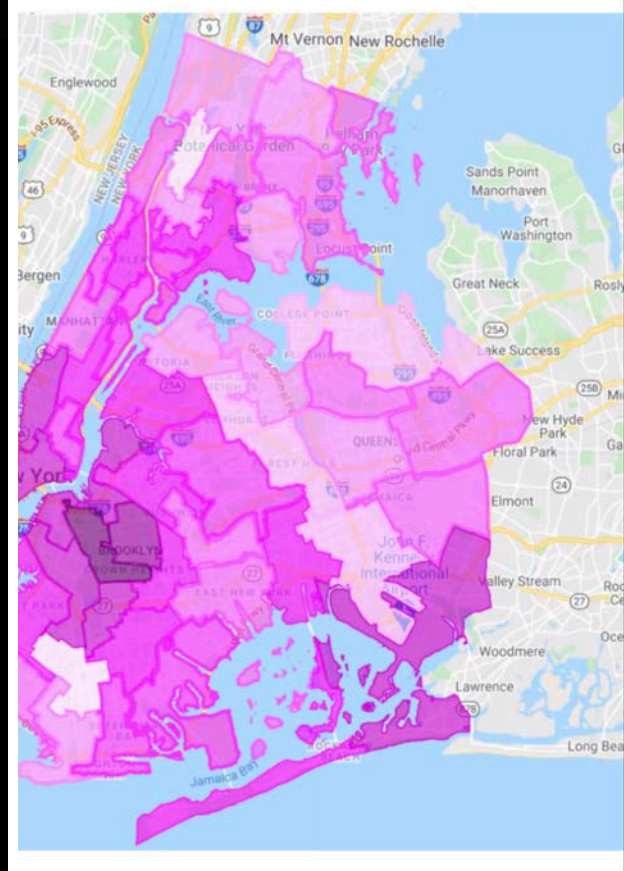
Paulina Gonzalez-Brito, They/Them



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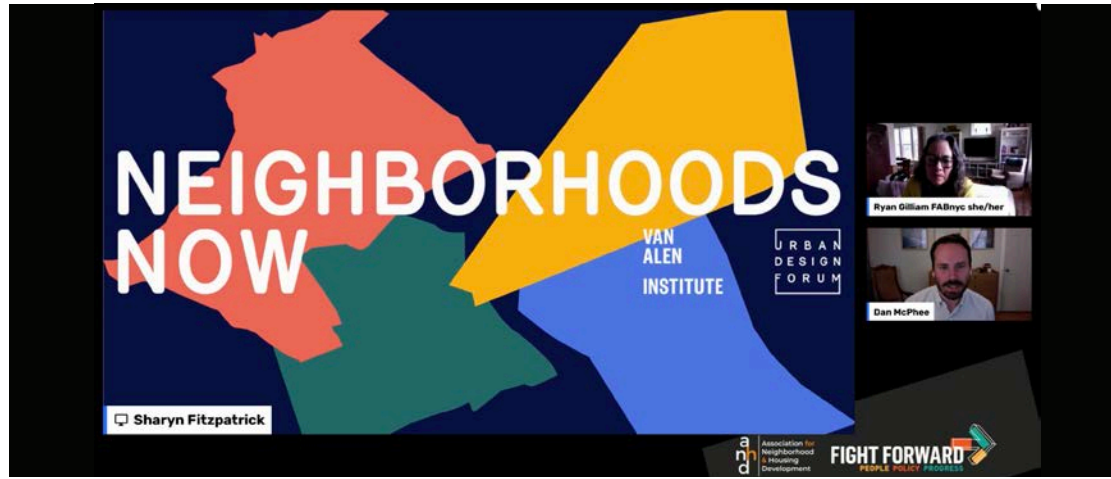


"Whiteness is the standard we are all measured on... Anti-Blackness is held up at three levels: policies, practices, and ideology."

~ PAULINA GONZALEZ-BRITO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA REINVESTMENT COALITION

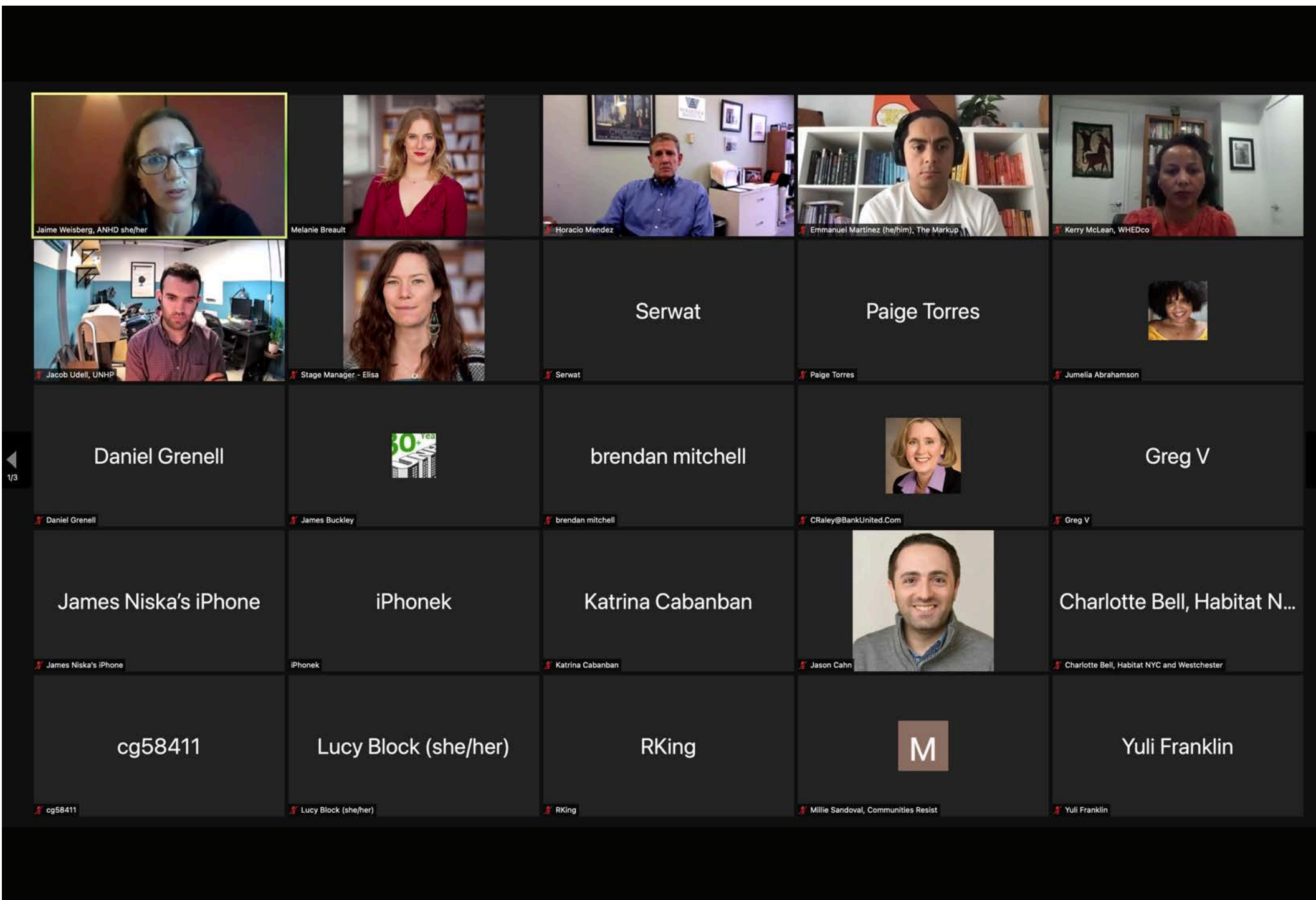






"Hyperinvestment and disinvestment can sit on top of one another...You can be in a multifamily building that is overfinanced, but as a tenant, the conditions you're experiencing - the way you're treated - still feels extractive and predatory." (UNHP)

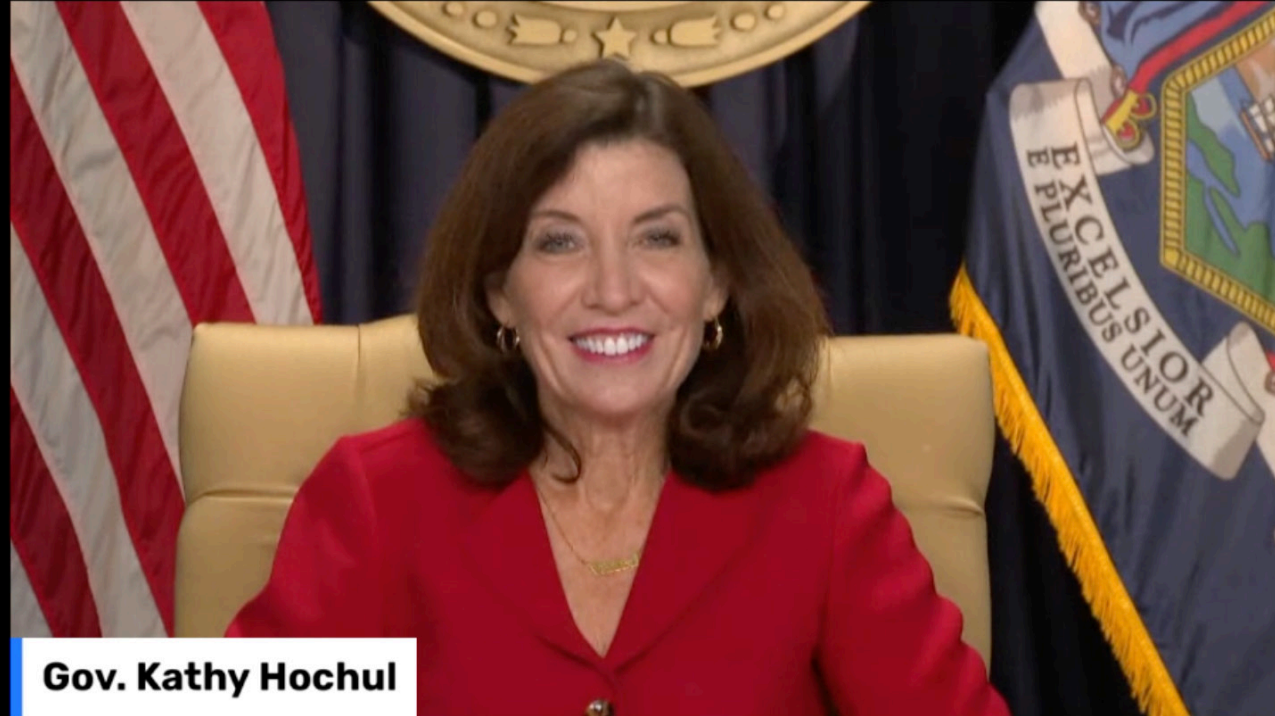
~ JACOB UDELL, RESEARCH AND DATA COORDINATOR, UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING PROGRAM



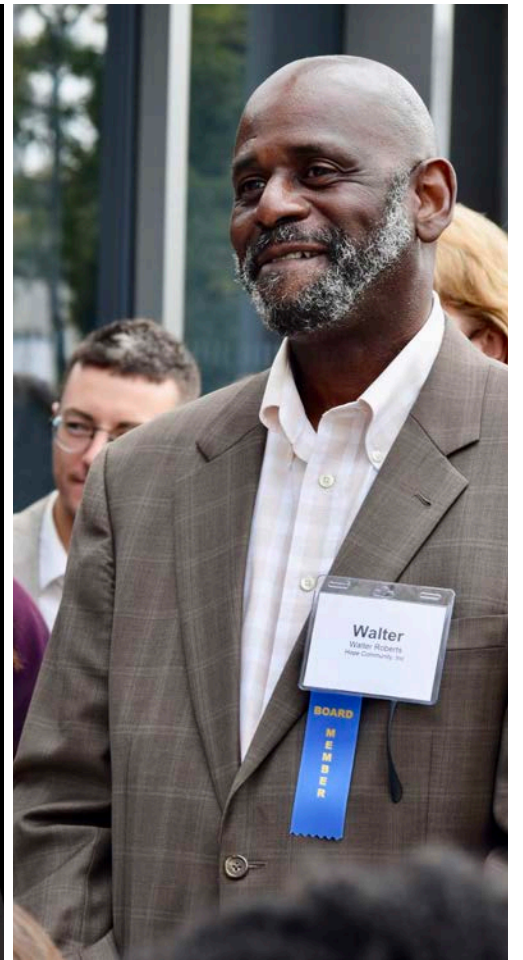




**Barika Williams (she/her)**



**Gov. Kathy Hochul**



"We've got a lot more work to build back and make us stronger and more equitable than ever before, and your partnership [ANHD and your members] is going to be critically important to me."

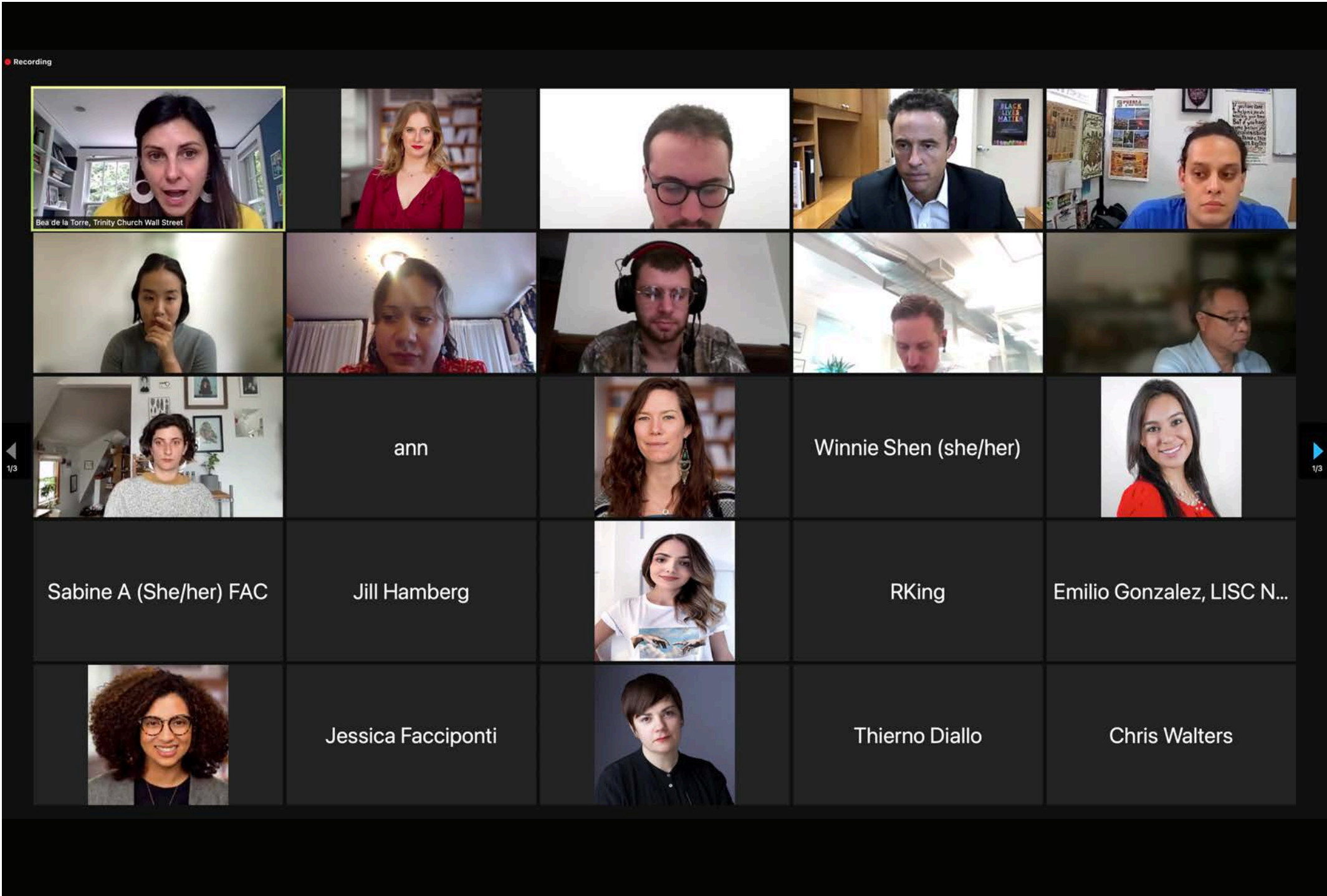
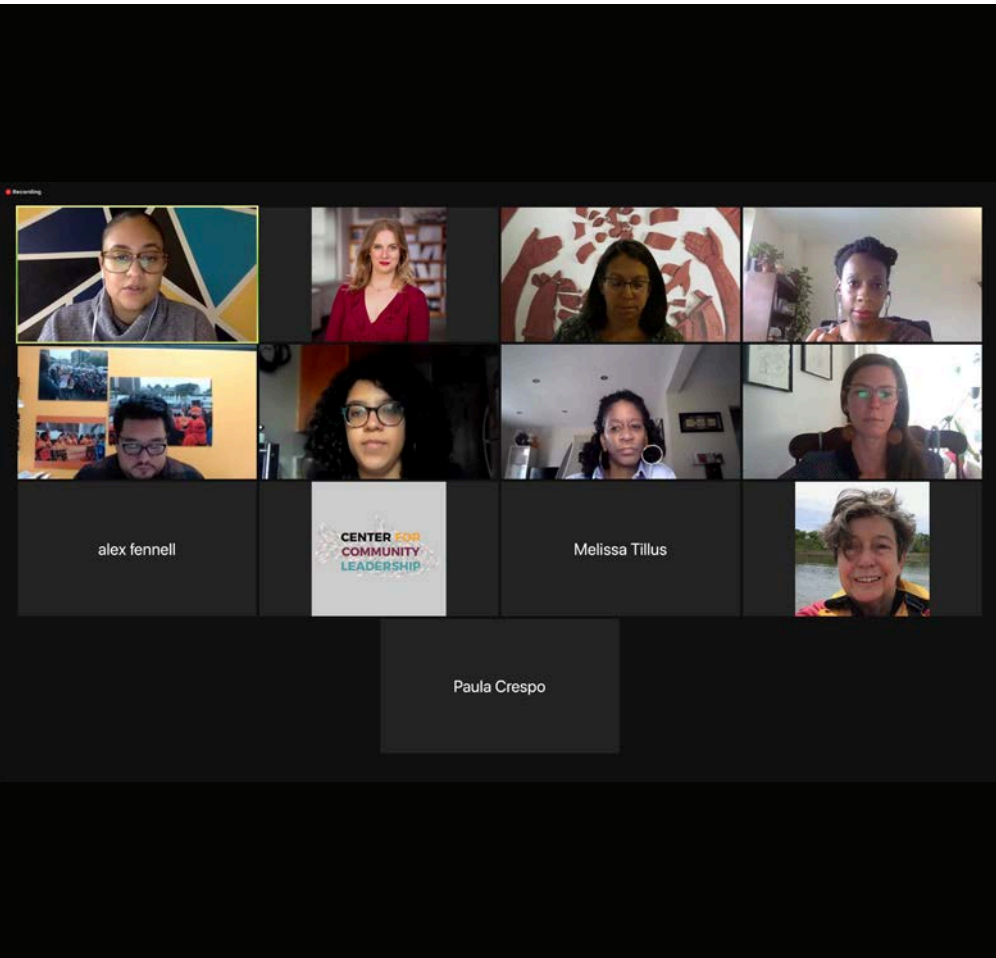
~ NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL





"Why is it on a family to know when to leave a basement apartment? Why is risk left to families to determine? We need to reframe this so families are protected."

~ CHRISTIE PEALE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CENTER FOR NYC NEIGHBORHOODS







**Barika Williams (she/her)**



**Lena Afridi**



**Katrell Lewis**



**Juanita Lewis**

"We need to take a hard look at the unintended consequences when we put some of these [race blind] policies into place."

~ BERNELL GRIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IMPACCT BK AND BOARD MEMBER OF ANHD





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