Affordable Housing On the Ballot

When we go to the polls this year, we won't just be picking our favorite candidates. This November, in addition to the Mayoral and City Council races, voters get the choice to amend the City Charter - and make it easier to build affordable housing in NYC.

Here's the 411:

NYC Voters will be presented with 6 ballot questions

- Question 1 is state-wide
- Questions 2 - 6 are NYC specific
    - Questions 2 - 5 deal with housing and the land use process
    - Question 6 deals with the timing of local elections

ANHD supports Question 2: Fast Track Affordable Housing to Build More Affordable Housing Across the City.

Why it matters

New York City is in the midst of an historic affordable housing crisis. The hundreds of thousands of families in our communities who are living in shelters, or doubled up with relatives, or skipping meals to keep a roof over their heads urgently need more affordable housing.

As it stands now, it can take years of work and hundreds of thousands, or even millions of dollars of investment before a single shovel goes in the ground to start building new affordable housing. And that's if it ever gets built at all. In some neighborhoods, even modest, in-scale affordable housing proposals are routinely shot down, which only deepens our City's patterns of inequality and segregation.

And while we can do a lot through the normal lawmaking and budget processes, we can only change our City's land use procedures by voting to change the City Charter.

What it does

- Voting yes on this proposal would create a new fast-track for affordable housing projects instead of the longer ULURP public review process.
- Details: This proposal would apply to two different types of affordable housing:
    - **Publicly financed affordable housing developments**, including 100% affordable developments would move through a faster process in *ALL* Community Districts in the city, with the final say coming from the Board of Standards and Appeals instead of the City Council.
    - **Mixed-income housing developments** with no public financing that fall under the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program would move through a faster process *ONLY* in the 12 Community Districts that produced the least affordable housing over the previous 5 years, with the final say coming from the City Planning Commission instead of the City Council

What's the impact

- Passage of Question 2 would help advance three goals that ANHD has long fought for
    1. Privileging and incentivizing 100% affordable housing in the land use process
        - Allowing a fast-track for publicly financed affordable housing will lower costs and remove political obstacles to creating the affordable housing our city desperately needs
    2. Reaching a fairer share of affordable housing throughout the city
        - Allowing a fast-track for mixed-income affordable housing in the neighborhoods that aren't doing their fair share today will help make a fairer and more inclusive city
    3. Building a path towards Comprehensive Planning
        - Question 2 gives teeth to the City Council's Fair Housing Framework and better aligns it with land use and capital budgeting decisions, setting a precedent to build towards a Comprehensive Planning approach in NYC

<u>How the Fast Track Works</u>

<u>Publicly financed, 100% affordable housing citywide</u> (include graphic)

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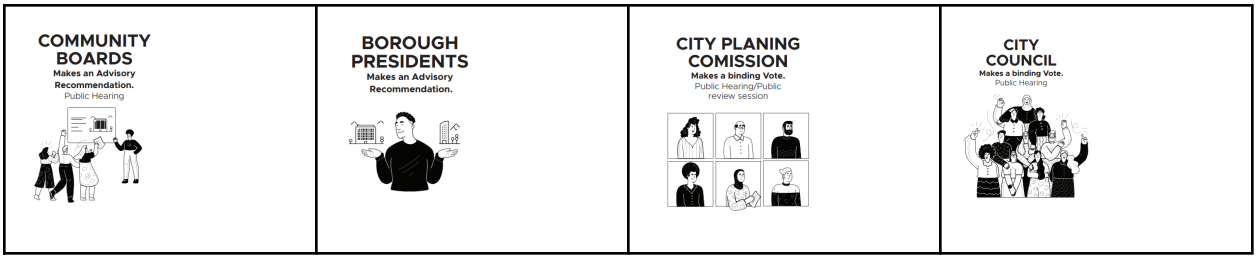

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If Question 2 passes

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<u>Mixed-income affordable housing - only in 12 districts building least affordable housing</u> (include graphic)

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ANHD strongly urges our members, allies, and friends in the affordable housing movement to support Question 2 in November.

For more information about our position, or to join our campaign, contact Christopher Casey @ yeson2@anhd.org