



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 25th, 2026 – 2:00 PM

HOUSING

1. New York State Homes & Community Renewal	RuthAnne Visnauskas Commissioner & CEO
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Panel A:

2. NYS Association for Affordable Housing	Carlina Rivera President and CEO
3. Neighborhood Preservation Coalition	Mark Streb Executive Director
4. The Community Preservation Corporation	Erin Burns-Maine SVP, External Affairs
5. Housing Justice for All	Genevieve Rand Organization Director
6. Met Council on Housing	Charlie Dibe Tenant Member

Panel B:

7. Legal Services New York City	Rita Vega Citywide Deputy Director
8. Center for New York City Neighborhoods	Christie Peale Executive Director/CEO
9. Right to Counsel Coalition	Randy Dillard Tenant Leader
10. Albany Housing Authority	Chiquita D'Arbeau Executive Director/CEO

Panel C:

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| 11. American Society for the Prevention
Of Cruelty to Animals | Susan Riggs
Sr. Director of Housing Policy |
| 12. New York Housing Conference | Rachel Fee
Executive Director |
| 13. American Institute of Architects New York | Bria Donohue
Government Affairs Manager |
| 14. My Dog is my Home | Elizabeth Rose
Founder & Executive Director |
| 15. Association for Neighborhood and
Housing Development | Emily Goldstein
Director of Organizing and
Advocacy |

Panel D:

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| 16. Cooperators United for Mitchell-
Lama (CU4ML) | Adele Neiderman
President |
| 17. Enterprise Community Partners | Baaba Halm
Senior Vice Program |
| 18. Local Initiatives Support
Corporation NY | Valarie White
Head of National Strategic
Initiatives |
| 19. NY Land Bank Association | Jocelyn Gordon
President |
| 20. NYS Council of Churches | Rashida Tyler
Acting Executive Director |

Panel E:

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| 21. Rural Housing Coalition of New York | Michael Borges
Executive Director |
| 22. Riverkeeper | Drew Gamils
Senior Attorney |
| 23. New York State Rural Advocates | Antonia Besculides
Officer |

24. For the Many

Xaver Kandler
Political Director

Panel F:

25. West Side Federation for Senior and
And Supportive Housing

Eustacia Smith
Director of Advocacy

26. United Tenants of Albany

Canyon Ryan
Executive Director

27. Neighbors Together

Amy Blumsack
Director of Organizing and Policy

28. National Union of the Homeless

Bebhinn Francis
Organizer

29. Coalition for the Homeless

Alison Wilkey
Director of Government Affairs