



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Rental Housing & Tenant Protections

PURPOSE: To examine the current status of rental housing across the State and changes needed to safeguard this critical housing stock and the New Yorkers it houses.

Rochester

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11 a.m.

Legislative Chambers

Monroe County Office Building

39 West Main Street

Rochester, New York

Finding and paying an affordable rent are challenges for most New Yorkers, with the challenge being most difficult to bear for low-income households. When renters voluntarily leave their apartments or are forced to move, the search for new housing is complicated by the extreme scarcity of affordable units and long waiting lists for public housing and other subsidized housing.

Preserving rental affordability and protecting tenants across the State continue to be among the Assembly's top priorities. This is the third hearing to examine the rent regulation laws governing housing in certain municipalities, which are set to expire June 15, 2019; the renewal and reform of those laws; and further steps the Legislature can take to protect tenants of regulated and market-rate units.

Our State is diverse, as are the housing needs of the residents living in its various regions. The Committee's intent in holding these hearings is to solicit public input on how to enhance tenant protections Statewide, and to review the latest data from the appropriate regulatory agencies as the Assembly continues to consider how best to represent and address the housing needs of the people throughout the State.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to the Committee staff as early as possible.

Twenty copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements. In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in receiving written testimony from all sources.

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