



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT** Homelessness in New York State

**PURPOSE:** To examine the current state of homelessness in New York.

**New York City  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021  
10:00 am  
250 Broadway, Assembly Hearing Room 1923, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY**

Homelessness continues to be one of the most significant issues facing New York State. According to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, as many as 91,271 individuals in New York State were experiencing homelessness as of January 2020. The homelessness problem is especially pervasive in New York City where the Coalition for the Homeless reported in August 2021 that nearly 48,000 individuals spend each night in the city shelter system.

Over the years, the State has taken steps to help prevent vulnerable individuals from becoming homeless. In the enacted 2016-17 state budget, \$20 million in funding was allocated to provide an additional 20,000 new supportive housing units by 2031. Further, the 2021-22 New York State enacted budget included \$100 million in funding to provide rental supplements to individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. However, the number of homeless individuals continues to multiply.

New York was grappling with record-high homelessness when the COVID-19 pandemic began. The hearing will examine, among other responses to the homelessness crisis, whether and how the State could accelerate the pace of investment in and construction of new supportive housing units and opportunities to provide new financial supports to people in need of supportive housing now.

The committee seeks to receive testimony from relevant stakeholders on the current status of the State's homeless crisis. Specifically, the committee seeks to gather information regarding current services and other measures that have been implemented to combat homelessness, the status of initiatives enacted by the legislature as well as any recommendations that may be appropriate to help the State address homelessness.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees 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 Committee staff no later than Friday, December 10, 2021.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**Linda B. Rosenthal**  
**Member of Assembly**  
**Chair**  
**Committee on Social Services**

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Homelessness in New York State to be conducted by the Assembly Committees on Social Services on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.
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- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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