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District Manager

Housing Committee  
Chair: Frank Franz  
December 20, 2022

The committee met on December 20, 2022 on Zoom. Committee members started with reviewing the initial presentation from DHS on the new shelter in March 2022. Committee members noted that the presentation was intended to advise them that a new shelter was opening, and not seeking their input on location.

The Board's District Manager then led a discussion on the city's shelter placement policy. First, DHS puts out a Request for Proposal looking for homeless shelter sites. Second, developers respond to the RFP with sites in mind. Third, the city accepts and funds sites based on developer/nonprofit capacity to operate a shelter and cost to the city. Our District Manager is not aware of any consideration around concentration of homeless shelters by neighborhood, which has led to 24 homeless shelters opening in Bronx CB6 and no shelters in 8 Community Districts in NYC.

Our District Manager relayed NYC Council Member Oswald Feliz' efforts to halt the shelter and stance on shelter over-saturation in his District. The Committee then discussed the Fair Share document provided by DHS, which did not address the board's concerns about over-saturation. The Committee then discussed holding a public meeting to seek input from Community on shelter placement in the Bronx. Our District Manager offered to set up an event and invite Council Member Feliz. He offered to reach out to the Webster PAL and see if they could offer space. The Committee discussed the need to put public pressure on DHS for their failure to distribute homeless shelters across the city.