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Res. No. 293

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By Council Members Van Bramer, Ampry-Samuel and Cornegy

Whereas, The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) currently oversees 176,066 apartments in 326 developments throughout the city; and

Whereas, NYCHA exists for the purpose of providing low-and-moderate income New Yorkers safe and affordable housing; and

Whereas, The city's housing shortage is evident by the 257,143 families on the wait list for public housing as of March 6, 2017; and

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Whereas, Families placed on the waitlist must often wait years for an apartment; and

Whereas, Nevertheless, according to a June 24, 2015, New York Daily News article, about 312 NYCHA units have remained empty for years due to the need to conduct major repairs; and

Whereas, NYCHA appears to be unable to address maintenance issues in these vacant units that could spread to nearby apartments and affect the quality of life of other residents; and

Whereas, NYCHA reports that it has over $16.5 billion dollars in unfunded capital needs; and

Whereas, NYCHA primarily receives funding through federal subsidies which have substantially declined, jeopardizing NYCHA's ability to quickly handle its repairs and infrastructure needs; and

Whereas, Renovations to vacant apartments are at risk with the steady decline of these subsidies; and

Whereas, NYCHA's delay in repairing vacant units has caused needed residential space to remain unavailable to prospective tenants; and

Whereas, An annual report on NYCHA's vacant units and the reasons why such vacancies exist will increase transparency and accountability by bringing to light what repairs if any, are necessary to return such units to the rent rolls; now therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York City Housing Authority to report annually the total number of vacant units in all of its developments, disaggregated by the number of units that are fit and unfit for occupancy, and provide details on the reason why a vacant apartment is deemed unfit for occupancy.

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