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Res. No. 411-A

Resolution calling upon the New York City Housing Authority to include an admission preference for public housing in its next proposed agency plan for veterans who have a military service-connected disability.

By Council Members Fidler, Brewer, Chin, Dickens, Dromm, Gentile, Gonzalez, Greenfield, James, Lander, Nelson, Palma, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Williams, Cabrera, Vacca, Eugene, Jackson, Vallone, Jr., Arroyo, Van Bramer, Rodriguez, Mendez, Halloran and Koo

Whereas, According to statistics from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), New York City is home to approximately 348,722 veterans; and

Whereas, Many veterans in New York City are unable to secure affordable housing; and

Whereas, The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is a public housing agency (PHA) organized and funded primarily through federal and state programs; and

Whereas, The requirements for income eligibility and admission preferences for PHAs are based on federal and state law; and

Whereas, Section 156 of New York State's Public Housing Law allows veterans and the families of veterans who served in the armed forces between 1961 and 1975 and were injured or killed as a result of this service to meet a less stringent income eligibility standard for public housing than for other persons or families of low income; and

Whereas, According to section 960.206 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, NYCHA has the authority to "adopt a system of local preferences for selection of families admitted to the PHA's public housing program;" and

Whereas, Such admission preferences must be based on local housing needs and determined by the PHA after a period of public comment and consultation with the resident advisory board of the PHA and then submitted within the PHA's annual or five year plan, whichever is applicable, to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which then must approve or disapprove the plan; and

Whereas, NYCHA does include local admission preferences for certain groups, such as working families, victims of domestic violence, intimidated witnesses and those with health emergencies; and

Whereas, NYCHA's Annual Plan for FY 2011, submitted for approval to HUD on October 15, 2010, provides a listing of possible preferences with corresponding boxes to mark off under "Other preferences," and lists a possible preference for "veterans and veteran's families"; and

Whereas, NYCHA failed to check off the box marked "veterans and veteran's families," thus indicating

that there is no existing veterans preference; and

Whereas, Veterans who have a disability as a result of military service and qualify for public housing should receive some kind of admission preference from NYCHA, if not the same preference as for those mentioned above; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York City Housing Authority to include an admission preference for public housing in its next proposed agency plan for veterans who have a military service-connected disability.

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