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Resolution calling on the appropriate committee of the Council of the city of New York to hold an oversight hearing regarding Homebase, the new \$12 million homelessness prevention program of the Department of Homeless Services and calling for the expansion of Homebase citywide.

By Council Members Foster, Barron, Clarke, Fidler, Gerson, Jackson, James, Martinez, Palma, Quinn, Sanders Jr., Seabrook and Stewart

Whereas, The Department of Homeless Services recently implemented a new \$12 million program, Homebase, that aims to bolster the City's efforts to fight homelessness by funding community based offices to serve persons in danger of becoming homeless in six high-need community board districts; and

Whereas, The community based organizations participating in Homebase are supposed to provide a range of services, including case management, mediation, advocacy, benefits counseling, legal assistance, employment services, housing placement assistance, short-term financial assistance to help tenants pay rent arrears, and assistance to clients locating and accessing other community-based resources such as job training, child care, and anti-eviction legal services; and

Whereas, The new Homebase program prevention centers will be located in community board districts 1 and 6 in the Bronx, community board district 11 in East Harlem, community board district 12 in Jamaica, community board district 4 in Bushwick, and community board district 3 in Bedford Stuyvesant; and

Whereas, The community based organizations providing services in the Homebase program are HELP USA, Citizens Advice Bureau, Palladia, Builders for Family and Youth, Bushwick Collaborative to Prevent Homelessness, and Church Avenue Merchants Block Association; and

Whereas, Families and single adults are eligible for services provided in connection with the Homebase

program if they reside in the community board district or are returning to the community board district from an alternative or supportive living environment, their household income does not exceed 200% of the poverty level, and they are experiencing a threat to their housing stability; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate committee of the Council of the city of New York should hold an oversight hearing regarding Homebase, the new \$12 million homelessness prevention program of the Department of Homeless Services and the Homebase program should be expanded citywide.

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