

10. Do you commit to expand funding for affordable housing in New York City?

ERIC L. ADAMS (D)

"We must build and preserve real affordable housing at a historic rate, starting with more affordable housing in high-income neighborhoods."

KATHRYN A. GARCIA (D)

"As a manager, I am going to focus on the right metrics for housing rather than putting "affordable" units up on a scoreboard. For housing, those metrics are how many New Yorkers are rent-burdened, how many are living in homeless shelters, and how many are sleeping in the streets. In order to make a meaningful dent in the number of homeless New Yorkers and reduce the rent burden across the city, I will focus city investment where it's needed most and create 50,000 units of deeply affordable housing (<30% AMI). We will also make it easier, faster, and legal for private partners to build more housing. We have added 500k New Yorkers over the last decade, but only 100k units of new housing — we cannot reduce the housing prices without increasing supply. We will end apartment bans and discriminatory zoning, and allow duplexes and triplexes to create more options for families. We will legalize basement apartments, accessory dwelling units, and single-room occupancy (SRO) apartments as a safe, sustainable, and efficient means of providing housing to single-adult households — approximately one-third of households in New York City. We will also accelerate approvals for new housing construction, streamline the ULURP and environmental review process as well as permit applications and inspections at the Buildings Department and sister agencies."

RAYMOND

J. MCGUIRE (D)

"My housing plan will address the lack of affordable housing by providing New Yorkers with \$400 million in rental subsidies, more than doubling city capital on affordable housing construction, and activating underutilized space for affordable housing, from vacant lots to basement apartments."

MAYA D. WILEY (D)

"I will usher in a new era of expanding the supply of deeply affordable housing by ensuring that the City only invests public money or land where there is a clear public benefit. I will increase the supply of affordable housing through a range of initiatives: developing city-owned land; moving aggressively to acquire distressed commercial properties like hotels, upzoning where appropriate, creating a Community Land Bank to help finance the acquisition of land, and building the capacity of non-profit and faith-based developers of affordable housing who have a track record of creating twice as much truly affordable housing as for-profit developers."

11. Will you commit more resources to address the homelessness crisis?

ERIC L. ADAMS (D)

"Our homelessness crisis is a moral failure. Solving homelessness means addressing our housing, mental health, and drug crises simultaneously."

KATHRYN A. GARCIA (D)

"My administration will start shifting meaningful resources from a shelter-based homelessness response to a solution that focuses on permanent housing. We need to address street homelessness as a housing issue, with urgency and compassion, and the right solutions for families, single individuals, and people living with mental illness. My administration will build 10,000 units of supportive housing to provide permanent shelter, services, and support for people experiencing street homelessness and those most at risk — including buying empty or underused private properties for conversion. For families, women, and children, we will ensure wraparound services in shelters, including education, health, and job readiness. We will open 10 drop-in centers in key neighborhoods to provide bathrooms and critical services 24 hours a day and begin the engagement process to get homeless New Yorkers into a shelter. We will ensure that homeless services and economic development and housing all report to the same deputy mayor, who will be held accountable for treating housing issues with one comprehensive approach. Finally, we will expand support for the 140 NYC schools with more than 20% homeless students. Before COVID, 1 in 10 students was doubled up, living in a shelter, or unsheltered; we cannot blame teachers for low performance in schools. We need to expand support for these schools and provide practical necessities."

FERNANDO MATEO (R)

"NYC currently spends over \$2 billion on homelessness. The program has enough money. I will make sure it is better managed and eliminate the waste, fraud, and abuse in the system."

RAYMOND J. MCGUIRE (D)

"My administration will ensure that all shelters provide access to tailored resources, including mental health counseling, job training, and childcare. I will streamline services across agencies and hold both city employees and service providers accountable for moving folks out of shelters and into permanent housing."

MAYA D. WILEY (D)

"My "Plan to End Evictions" is the first plank of my comprehensive approach to ending homelessness in our city. That plan committed to fighting for a true eviction moratorium for the duration of the crisis, putting an end to the uncertainty and fear that so many New Yorkers have lived with throughout the pandemic. In addition, my plan will transform rent relief by focusing relief efforts on both tenants and small landlords.

My recently released housing platform builds on that plan and proposes additional solutions, including fixing our broken rental assistance voucher system, ending discrimination by landlords against renters who use government subsidies, and guaranteeing rent affordability for all working-class New Yorkers. My housing plan addresses the root cause of chronic homelessness among single adults and makes supportive housing the centerpiece through rapid and bold action. I will move aggressively to acquire and convert hotels and other distressed properties into permanent supportive housing and roll back the street homelessness crisis."

12. Will you work to reduce crime on City streets and subways to restore safety and security for all New Yorkers?

ERIC L. ADAMS (D)

"The prerequisite to prosperity is public safety. We don't need to choose between the justice we deserve and the safety we need. As a victim of police violence as a kid, I became a police officer to take on racism and police brutality from within. As a 22-year veteran as a police officer, I am the only candidate here who has first-hand experience fighting crime and keeping communities safe. As mayor I will reform our police department to bring fairness and safety to our streets, preventing violent crimes, and getting illegal guns off our streets."

KATHRYN A. GARCIA (D)

"When we measure the right metrics, we can incentivize the appropriate focus on eliminating crime at the NYPD and move the agency from a warrior culture to a guardian mindset. When we enforce strict accountability, we can eliminate aggressive policing. When we address the primary socio-economic drivers of crime, we can make it easier for police to succeed."

FERNANDO MATEO (R)

"My "Subway Safe Haven Plan" is designed to secure the Subway system with two cops on every platform who are backed up by specialized teams that ride the trains to engage and move homeless and emotionally disturbed people to places where they can get help."

RAYMOND J. MCGUIRE (D)

"My public safety plan will embed specially trained officers in the highest-crime areas to disrupt the criminal networks responsible for the most violence and deploy others to disrupt the influx of guns. Policing should also expand to include social service workers like mental health and addiction counselors. This will be partnered with increased funding for violence prevention programs to divert young people from criminal activity."

MAYA D. WILEY (D)

"As I laid out in my policing platform, if we want to make our communities safer, we can't police our way out of it. Cycles of violence that are endemic in our communities are the result of centuries of racism, disenfranchisement, neglect, divestment that have torn families apart, and it has made it practically impossible to escape poverty. We are going to fundamentally transform our approach by investing in our poorest communities rather than incarcerating them.

That means alternatives to policing like violence interruption, for example, where there are proven results. But it also means creating employment and workforce development opportunities for youth and young adults at risk in communities experiencing high rates of gun violence; and it means a Housing First strategy that makes it possible to find a home you can afford and not be forced onto the street.

In addition, my Gun Violence Prevention Plan has proposed creating an \$18 million participatory justice process in communities struggling to stem gun violence. Akin to participatory budgeting, the participatory justice fund would allocate funds to communities identified by their rates of gun violence and support a democratic process to support existing and new programs that have proven track records or promising evaluation."