



Reaching NYC's 300,000 Rental Unit Goal: Faith-Based Affordable Housing Leaders Convene Panel

Builders, state and city officials join legal, tax and finance experts to discuss innovation in faith-based housing partnerships

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For most of the past decade, New York City rents have risen twice as fast as wages. At the same time, nearly 400,000 families are on waiting lists for subsidized housing from [NYCHA](#) and affordable housing lotteries can only meet demand for fraction of applicants. Yet, in the aggregate faith-based organizations would rank as one of largest land owners in NYC and offer great untapped potential.

To discuss how best to leverage this option to help meet NYC's affordable housing shortage, [Putting Faith in Housing](#), a panel moderated by Charlie Herman, WNYC Radio's business and culture editor, will convene February 28 at 8:30 am at the New York Athletic Club featuring:

- Reverend Karim Camara, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Faith-Based Community Development Services
- Mike Greenwald, Partner, Friedman LLP, a leading accounting and advisory firm serving the affordable housing community;
- Brian Hsu, Partner, Goldstein Hall, a full-service real estate law firm with a concentration in affordable housing and community development
- Nathan Simms, Assistant Commissioner- New Construction Finance at NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development
- Jamie Smarr, Sr. VP, NHPF, a leading builder of quality affordable housing
- Richard Andrew Smith, Assoc. AIA Project Executive Temple Builders, LLC
- Dave Walsh, Chase Bank, one of the largest affordable housing lenders in the community

"The DeBlasio administration has set a goal of building or preserving [300,000 affordable rental units by 2026](#)," according to HPD's Simms. "The city already has several rental properties funded via faith-based partnerships and the potential for many more to be developed. The opportunities to work together and create new housing via these partnerships are tremendous. But there are challenges as well. For the entire city to benefit, organizations need to adopt the strategies that will make these partnerships work best."

Sponsoring the panel are Chase Bank, Friedman LLP, Goldstein Hall PLLC, and The NHP Foundation.

"With viable faith-based real estate partnerships in place, New York can continue to lead the way to a more secure housing future for millions in need," says NHPF president and CEO Richard Burns. "Our goal is to work together with each sector represented today to develop some forward-thinking solutions."

For more information on the event, [click here](#).

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