



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Ending the Perfect Storm: Finding Solutions and Identifying Alternatives for New York's Section 8 Problem

PURPOSE: Update on various government agencies' plan to (1) address the lack of funding in New York's Section 8 Program and (2) assist families who hold terminated vouchers.

April 15, 2010

11:00 a.m.

Richard Harris Terrace (Located in Main Lobby)

Borough of Manhattan Community College

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On December 10, 2009, NYCHA announced that it was no longer processing any new Section 8 applications. On December 30, 2009, at least 2,589 families received notice that their existing vouchers cannot be used. Additionally, recent reports indicate that the problem will extend well beyond those families originally affected. DHCR is also dealing with funding shortages and its Section 8 program may also be impacted.

Public input is requested concerning the State's role in:

- 1) Finding viable housing solutions for the families who hold cancelled vouchers.
- 2) Preserving New York's low-income housing and rent subsidy programs.

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