NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 25th, 2026 – 2:00 PM

HOUSING

1.	New York State Homes & Community Renewal	RuthAnne Visnauskas Commissioner & CEO

Panel A:

2.	NYS Association for Affordable Housing	Carlina Rivera President and CEO
3.	Neighborhood Preservation Coalition	Mark Streb Executive Director
4.	The Community Preservation Corporation	Erin Burns-Maine SVP, External Affairs
5.	Housing Justice for All	Genevieve Rand Organization Director
6.	Met Council on Housing	Charlie Dibe Tenant Member

Panel B:

7.	Legal Services New York City	Rita Vega Citywide Deputy Director
8.	Center for New York City Neighborhoods	Christie Peale Executive Director/CEO
9.	Right to Counsel Coalition	Randy Dillard Tenant Leader
10.	Albany Housing Authority	Chiquita D'Arbeau Executive Director/CEO

Panel C:

11. American Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty to Animals	Susan Riggs Sr. Director of Housing Policy
12. New York Housing Conference	Rachel Fee Executive Director
13. American Institute of Architects New York	Bria Donohue Government Affairs Manager
14. My Dog is my Home	Elizabeth Rose Founder & Executive Director
15. Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development	Emily Goldstein Director of Organizing and Advocacy

Panel D:

16. Cooperators United for Mitchell-Lama (CU4ML)	Adele Neiderman President
17. Enterprise Community Partners	Baaba Halm Senior Vice Program
18. Local Initiatives Support Corporation NY	Valarie White Head of National Strategic Initiatives
19. NY Land Bank Association	Jocelyn Gordon President
20. NYS Council of Churches	Rashida Tyler Acting Executive Director

Panel E:

21. Rural Housing Coalition of New York	Michael Borges Executive Director
22. Riverkeeper	Drew Gamils Senior Attorney
23. New York State Rural Advocates	Antonia Besculides Officer

24. For the Many	Xaver Kandler Political Director

Panel F:

25. West Side Federation for Senior and And Supportive Housing	Eustacia Smith Director of Advocacy
26. United Tenants of Albany	Canyon Ryan Executive Director
27. Neighbors Together	Amy Blumsack Director of Organizing and Policy
28. National Union of the Homeless	Bebhinn Francis Organizer
29. Coalition for the Homeless	Alison Wilkey Director of Government Affairs