The Rights of People with Disabilities: SOYAN is grateful for the Executive’s recognition of the need for increased funding for Integrated Housing and the commitment to repeal those provisions that discriminate against people with disabilities. This allows us to move forward with our work to address the needs and concerns of people with disabilities.

3. Funds assigned to Accessing affordable Housing must include increased funding for Integrated Housing opportunities. OPWDD is focused on a housing continuum. We recommend allocating funds for accessible housing that meet the needs and desires of people with disabilities.

4. Market Rate for at least 25% of new apartments.

5. Support self or opportunities for community engagement.

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1. Funding for Employment for People with Developmental Disabilities: We call upon OPWDD to include people served, and their families, in the decision-making process.

2. Reduce the number of people in institutions.

3. Remove Nurse Practice Act as a barrier to community living.

4. Long-term support for wage increases, not just one-time bonuses.

5. Pay a living wage to ODP.

6. OPWDD and other providers of services within the system.

7. Developmental disabilities for addressing their concerns with Care Coordination Organizations.

8. We, as a state, have an obligation to provide for their needs and choices. SOVAN supports services and care coordination intended to provide for their needs and choices.