



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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Highlights

Bringing Universal Childcare to NYC

Council Member Rivera is proud to introduce legislation alongside colleagues and in coalition with advocates to bring universal childcare to New York City. [Introduction 0941-2023](#) would establish free, high-quality childcare for all, support providers, and build infrastructure and prepare for growth. There are about 500,000 children under 5 in NYC, and it is estimated that \$23 billion is lost in economic output, and \$2.2 billion is lost in tax revenue due to lack of childcare.

Legislation to Improve Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Centers

Over 47,600 individuals have arrived in New York City seeking asylum since April of 2022, and nearly 30,000 individuals are in the care of the City. Residents of New York City have embraced families and individuals seeking asylum in local communities, helping provide clothing, food, and shelter. Those seeking refuge and a new beginning here should be afforded the same rights and dignity as everyone else, which means a right to shelter and the associated requirements. Alongside colleagues, [Council Member Rivera introduced legislation](#) to ensure the City provides person-centered care and better living conditions to individuals and families staying at HERRCs.

COPA and Social Housing

We are fighting an unprecedented affordable housing crisis and need every possible tool available to us. Corporations own 89% of the housing units in NYC, and it is growing. Recently, advocates from local organizations rallied to keep housing in the hands of New Yorkers and support important policies that promote social housing, like Council Member Rivera's bill, the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act, which would give non-profit affordable housing and community developers, Community Land Trusts, and other qualified organizations the first option to purchase certain residential buildings listed for sale in New York City.

Events:

We have many exciting events scheduled for the coming months! We need volunteers for an East Side Tree Survey to be kicked off on Earth Day. [Check out our website](#) for more information. As always, our team is available to assist you. You can drop in, give us a call at 212-677-1077, or send us an email at District2@council.nyc.gov.

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