

Fair Share Bills are NOT Fair to Homeless New Yorkers

Opposition to Intros. 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, and 1495, and Reso. 1392

Serving homeless New Yorkers across all five boroughs does not have to be at the expense of the well-being of the same vulnerable people for whom the City has legal and moral obligations to provide shelter and services.

Why do we oppose seven out of nine Fair Share bills?

- Fair Share bills as proposed deprive homeless New Yorkers from life-saving shelter and permanent housing options, and ignore the needs of families and individuals to remain in neighborhoods from which they were displaced
- Fair Share bills undercut the City's legal obligations to provide shelter to those in need
- Fair Share bill illegally discriminate against people with disabilities
- Fair Share bills risk the public release of confidential health and domestic violence status of homeless individuals and families
- Fair Share bills could violate the Federal Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act placing the City at risk of litigation and loss of funding

How can we change the Fair Share bills so they are actually fair?

- Expressly exclude shelters, supportive housing, and other facilities that serve people with disabilities from these criteria

Organizations as of May 10, 2017

Coalition for the Homeless
The Legal Aid Society
New York Communities for Change
VOCAL-NY
The Black Institute
The Coalition for Behavioral Health
Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID)
Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CID-NY)
Disability Rights New York
Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing
The Association of Legal Aid Attorneys – UAW Local 2325