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### Message from the Government affairs Community Advocate (GACA):

My name is Jacob Welch, some of you may know me through pervious county, state and federal in-person and or remote collaboration and meetings, but for those who have not ment me nor know who i am, I have been working for the last 3 years to establish networking, collaboration and negotiation results on behalf of ontario county resident"s across new York State, nationally and internationally.

I have proposed county, state, federal and International proposals, ideas and solutions to growing, evolving and increasing concerns that threaten and or tarnish, the safety of human life, community development, educational and humanitarian opportunities and rights. I understand the need and importances for common ground, conflict negotiation strategies, while working hard to fight for diplomacy and fighting to increase the quality of human life.

Due to the lack of housing services and resources across our state and our counties. Many of our residents will and or are currently facing homelessness, or can not find affordable low income housing programs that can contribute to supporting a family or individual, on a temporary or long term basis. Section 8 and other forms of low income programs through housing authority which are funded through state and federal Resources, need to be reformed to work in favor of the participant(s), giving the opportunity to families and young individuals to reintegrate into their own housing independently, over a period of time.

Housing resources and or services is not something someone should have to earn, nor should they have to wait for, on a long term basis. Many Ontario county residences have been on waiting lists for years, months and weeks, before getting an approval or denial letter, let alone housing. In the meantime where are the families and or young adults going to stay, while waiting?. Ontario county does not have shelters, and many of our resident's can not afford to maintain uber and other forms of transportations costs, from Rochester NY to Canandaigua and back.

I am sure that many of your County's face similar concerns and issues. When these issues are not addressed, it can cause a significant amount of financial, developmental, mental health and even criminal concerns. Many of these concerns can be proactively avoided, as you will see through this proposal, and other forms of already established consequential results, due to New York State and or counties not addressing the housing crisis, on a Timely Manner.

Thank you,

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### **So, What is being proposed:**

What i have proposed over a period of time, is the creation of shelters that New York State runs through an agency that can be established as a New York State Department , called Department of Housing services (DOH). These shelters would provide food and safety, while focusing on establishing SNAP and other Community services for family and or young adult individuals, to take advantage of. while waiting for their housing. Every county depending on the need and what already is established for housing services and resources, if any, would be eligible for one shelter.

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Children under the age 21 would be enrolled in a public school, with staffing being available 24 hours 7 days a week, to work with the adults to create a structural service plan, while ensuring an end goal and result for independence and housing. Funding for these shelters would come from federal and state resources, while taking advantage of grants and other forms of pre-approved financial methods from state and federal guidelines.

Should an individual and or family be denied housing services and or resources. The shelter Housing Managers and the Families and or adult individuals, treatment team, can advocate for a reconsideration review with a more possible intense beneficial outcome based on evidence of the persons living situation and financial stause.

When a family and or individual has been admitted, let's say for example: the Ontario County State Shelter(OCSS), that person will not have to pay for their stay, even if they obtain employment while at the shelter. The family and or individual will be expected to save their money, while staff assist the participant(s) in looking for affordable independent housing. They are still entitled to receive additional community Services and resources from a for, or not for profit service of their choosing, if he or she has successfully moved into their own established housing.

The housing manager can maintain a phone check up, up to three months after discharge from the Ontario county State Shelter (OCSS), to ensure that the family and or individual is doing okay. The State shelter in each county based on need, will be open to Homeless families,young adult individuals and Homeless Veterans that are established through the VA, while showing proof of their DD214. Should a Veteran be admitted in one of the State shelters, that shelter is entitled to seek a contracting opportunity from the VA, for compensation for the Veterans stay.

The Veteran is entitled to receive the same services and resources as a non Veteran participant. He or she will not have to pay out of pocket nor with their own money that they may receive through their VA and or social security disability Compensation. The State shelters in each county are volunteer based, meaning, participants that have been admitted, may freely come and go as they will. No employee in a State shelter will force an individual, Veteran and or family to remain in the shelter should they feel they want to leave.

However, State shelters reserve the right to discharge a Veteran, family and or Individual, if they have repeatedly broken the rules, shown threatening or hostile behaviors that creates an unsafe environment for staff and or other residents. Should a Veteran, individual and or family be discharged, the housing manager must sign off on the paperwork, while communicating the reason for discharge with that person's treatment team and ensure there is a safety plan in place for the discharged Veteran, Participant and or family.

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**The Veteran, Individual and or family may refuse to participate in a safety plan discharge, this is okay... The housing manager must inform the person's treatment team, while getting a staff's witness signature confirming the refusal on the participants safety plan, upon discharge. This covers OCSS and any other county's State shelter for any liability concerns in the future.**

**Please Note:** When a Person, family and or a Veteran is admitted into a state shelter, he or she must fill out an admissions safety plan, as part of being a successfully and fully enrolled participant, as a resident in the state shelter. This safety plan is different from the discharge safety plan.

Each state shelter will have twenty rooms. 10 out of twenty rooms will be double bed rooms and the rest of the rooms will be single beds. There will be a family-like lounge area, with a TV for entertainment. There will be a community kitchen where dinners and basic foods will be provided, such as Fruit, eggs, lunch meat, water, bread, cereal, milk, salad, pasta, and peanut butter and jelly and other basic options. Dinners will be on a menu in the kitchen, dinners will be rotated every two weeks. family's, individuals and veterans will have the options to either eat with other residents or independently.

Upon arrival, staff will give a tour of the shelter, while providing the resident with 2 full body towels, 2 hand towels, body wash, razor, shampoo and conditioner. Bed sheets, one pillow and a blanket will also be provided. If a resident comes with personal clothing and or other belongings, staff reserve the right to check through the residents belongings to ensure they do not possess drugs, weapons and alcohol. Anything that is not allowed, will be locked in the staff's office, upon discharge everything will be provided back, unless an unforeseen reason prevents us from doing so. Resident's must be able to take their own medications dependently with the supervision of the staff, regardless if a resident has a full carry order or not.

No drugs, alcohol, or weapons of any kind will be tolerated on a person or in a person's room, without the approval of a doctor giving a resident a full Carry order. Should a doctor give a resident a full Carry order for their medications to be on their person(s) and or in their possession, in their room, resident's must lock their approved medications in a safe. Staff will provide a safe and a key to the safe to lock their medications. Residents must keep the key on their person at all times. Eppy pens will be allowed for resident's to have on their person(s) should they need to have one.

If staff find illegal drugs, weapons and or alcohol in a person's room, or on a person(s), the staff reserve the right to call law enforcement for support and or to hand over any illegal substances found. If a person is currently drunk and blows into an BAC breathalyzer, and a resident blows above an 0.08%, that resident must go to the hospital

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until he or she is given the okay for discharge. Anything below 0.08%, the resident must be monitored every hour, until 8 hours has passed from the time the resident first blew into the breathalyzer. At the 4 hour mark, staff must try to have the resident re-blow into the breathalyzer to ensure the resident's levels are going down.

A laundry-room, with a washer and dryer along with an iron and board will be accessible for use for all residents to use at their leisure. There will be 2 washers and 2 dryers will be in each state shelter.

***So what are the differences between county State Shelters, and the proposed New York State Department Of Housing Services?***

**County State shelters:** are run, audited, and funded through the Proposed NYS Department Of Housing services (DOH). The County State Shelters must abide by updated policy changes that DOH changed based on funding requirements from federal and other state requirements. The County State shelters work in-person with families, Veterans, and Young adult individuals who are homeless, while establishing networking connections with county, and community resources on behalf of the resident. The Shelters are meant to be a temporary opportunity resource and service for Homeless consumers.

**The New York State Department Of Housing Services (DOH):** New York State Department Of Housing Service's mission is to assist struggling families and young adults throughout New York State, who are facing homelessness and or are currently homeless. While partnering with Community Organizational services, County, State and federal departments and resources, that can aid and support young adults and families to get back on their feet. DOH, is the center Hub and command center for establishing contracting opportunities with already established shelters, and creating new shelters across approved NYS County regions. DOH, main focus, is to make sure that all contracting agencies that are established through The Proposed NYS Department Of Housing Services, are smoothly running, while maintaining feedback, effective policy, Support, and opportunity for all established and or created shelters throughout New York State.

***What can the New York State Department Of Housing Services (DOH) Offer to the community:*** DOH, can offer the following Services:

- ***Proactive Homeless Services:***  
DOH, can contract with already established community agencies that aid consumers that are at risk of losing their home. These services can provide proactive measures and resources to help consumers avoid losing their home.
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Consumers can be assigned a case Manager that can help them navigate the different community and government resources, such as DSS, Access VR, Workforce development and other financial assistance programs, such as the Salvation Army and Catholic charities. This service is open to Legal immigrants who are in need of assistance looking for resources and services giving them housing and community support.

DOH, is open to working to establish a working relationship and partnership with the Office of New Americans to help Newcomers get established and familiarized with supportive resources and services, for greater independence.

- ***County State Shelters: (6-12 month stay)***

DOH, if approved, can establish one shelter for each county, throughout New York State, based on the population of Homelessness, lack of Housing resources and services. This shelter would be open for homeless young adults, families and Veterans. Residents are able to have an abundant amount of opportunities when at these shelters. They are able to stay at no cost to them, even if they obtain employment, social security and or VA Disability/Health Compensation Benefits.

Children and young adults 21 and under have the option to be enrolled in a public school, while Family parents, Young adults and Veterans have access to residential staff 24 hours, 7 days a week, to help them with referrals to other services, such as case management services, Employment opportunities, County DSS services, Access VR and Workforce Development Services. The shelter employees, also will help residents with Financial Budgeting, Independent life skills, Housing research, food pantries assistance, and self identifying and motivational strengths and weakness to create a greater chance of successful discharge

The County State Shelter, is a Temporary 6-12 month program, these shelters may also take in legal immigrants, if there is room, However already established New York State residents, who have been on a waiting list are entitled to a room first, due to being on a waiting list for housing services and or resources for any period of time. DOH is committed to respect, listen while taking proactive measures to provide services that can assist families, young adults, Veterans and Immigrants, who are looking to increase their independent opportunities, maintain housing, and incorporate different skills sets for a potential greater future.

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**Who qualifies for the Shelter Program through the proposed NYS Department Of Housing Services:** Families and or young adults must meet the basic following eligibility qualifications to be considered for enrollment in the NYS Department of Housing Services:

1. If a person is facing eviction and does not have a second source of housing
2. If a person is homeless with minors under the age of 18
3. If a person is needing assistance in obtaining relative housing services regarding keeping their current housing.
4. If a person is an NYS resident within a county- exceptions may apply for certain applications determined by the Housing Residential Director
5. If a person is facing an emergency housing crisis caused by natural and or unnatural disasters, such as fires, weather, and or victim of arson that relates to where a person is legally residing for more than 6 months- exceptions may apply for certain applications determined by the NYS Department Housing Director

**When does DOH, Consider a person to be Homeless:** NYS Department Of housing Services considers a person to be homeless when, he or she is living in outdoor elements when he or she is living in a car and or tent, and or when he or she is moving from one place to another for shelter within another person's home.

**What does DHS consider to be an urgent Homeless crisis for a person:** The NYS Department Of Housing Services considers every homeless situation important and wants to make sure, that adequate care and services are open and provided promptly, to families and or young adults looking for assistance. However, DOH, considers a person in freezing/high temperatures who are exposed to outside elements to be an urgent crisis, if a person has a minor under the age of 18 years old while living in a car, tent, or outside freezing and high temperatures will also be considered as an urgent crisis.

**What would an example day look like for an applicant receiving services through the NYS Department Of Housing Services:** Each consumer that is enrolled in our services. Are going to have different schedules as well as different concerns to address. Therefore each person's goals and self expectations are going to differ. How the residential Day should start as follows.

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## **24-hour residential shelter:**

**Program Housing Manager: Monday-Friday (On-call) 8:00 am-4:30 pm-** He or she will arrive at the building to review progress notes as well as to address any concerns with employees and residents. She or he will assist consumers in making sure that they are receiving a high-quality level of service and respect. While addressing referrals and other related services, residents may need help with DOH Programs and or other community services. He or she will also maintain proper and effective communication with his or her employees and residents, while protecting and maintaining confidentiality between participants and employees. He or she must maintain at least once a week in-person meetings with the NYS Residential Director of Housing to maintain updated DOH policy changes, as well as any changes from county, State, and federal policy. He or she will be on call and on a rotation with the Assistant Residential and Director of Residential Services

**Advocate counselors: 8:00 am-4:30 pm/4:00 pm-12:00 pm/12:00 am-8:00 am (Monday -Friday/Tuesday-Saturday/Wednesday-Sunday and 2 per diem) -** He or she will be responsible to assist residents in researching and searching different resources and services on behalf of the resident, while promoting independence, self-advocacy skills, and constructive positive feedback, he or she must maintain a clean and safe environment for all Residents and visitors. He or she will be required to maintain effective and clear daily documentation while reporting any crisis and safety issues to the program Housing manager and or The NYS Department Director of Housing if the Program Manager is not available to be reached. He or she must have an appropriate level of knowledge of different community resources and services to provide to potential consumers.

## **NYS Department Residential Director Of Housing Services: (On-call)**

**Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm-** he or she will be responsible to ensure the overall growth, and success of the housing department within the State Of New York. He or she must maintain a high level of communication with his or her department employees as well as program employees regularly, to ensure proper and effective transparency. He or she is responsible to handle any disciplinary actions as well as reporting any safety, abuse, and any other concerns to the appropriate authorities and or within that shelters county, officials, and law enforcement, while maintaining good relations with other government agencies, non-profit community agencies, and faith communities. He or she is responsible to maintain all training staff certifications, recertifications, records and other forms of documentation such as licenses, seven years' worth of progress notes records, and up-to-date state inspection policy changes and records. He or she must meet in person at least once a week with the residential shelter program housing manager, staff, and residents to ensure adequate services and care are being offered from an employee and consumer aspect. He or she will be on-call switching the on-call responsibility between the program Housing manager, and residential director and assistant Director of residential services,

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## **NYS Assistant Department Director Of Housing Services (On-call)**

**Monday-Friday-** 8:00am -4:30pm, He or she will be responsible to assist and fill in for the director of housing when the director is not available. Therefore the assistant director must maintain all meetings with the Director as well as make sure that the department is running smoothly in the absence of the Department director. The Assistant director must handle all disciplinary actions, as well as report any suspected and or reported safety, abuse, and any other concerns to that consumer shelter, county officials, and law enforcement in the absence of the NYS department director while maintaining good relations with other government agencies, non-profit community agencies, and faith communities. He or she is responsible to maintain a copy of all training staff certifications, recertifications, records and other forms of documentation such as licenses, seven years' worth of progress notes records, and up-to-date state inspection policy changes and records. He or she must meet in person at least once a week with the residential shelter program Housing manager, in absence of the NYS Department Housing Director. To ensure adequate services and care are being offered from an employee and consumer aspect in the absence of the Department Director. He or she will be on call switching the on-call responsibility between the program Housing manager and the NYS Department Director Of Residential Services.

**Please Note:** All consumers will be provided transportation if they do not have their own, to different related housing services appointments, and resources. During the hours of 8 am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, consumers are encouraged to meet with advocates, and program managers to work on housing resources and services as well as different outlets referrals to services that are provided through the community such as case management, employment supportive services, and other community-based services, that can further assist their independence, skills, and ability to successfully re-integrate into their community while getting back on their feet. During the day, in the residential State shelters, between the hours of 8am and 3:45pm, individuals 21 and under are encouraged to be in a school setting.

On weekends, different recreational activities will be provided to reward the hard work that residents have shown through the week, such as persistence and perseverance behaviors in seeking assistance, change and support for a better future. Such activities could include...

1. Movies -community theaters
  2. Bowling
  3. Movie night and pizza
  4. Family game night
  5. Weekend getaway , camping, Climbing, wood nature walks
  6. Personal choice of an activity - limitations may apply
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**What Staff is needed to successfully operate your programs and department:  
Administration Staff:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>Yearly pay:</b>
NYS Housing Secretary	Administration	1	\$180,000.00
Assistant Housing Director	Administration	1	\$170,000.00
Chief Finance Officer	Administration	1	\$160,000.00
Assistant Chief Finance Officer	Administration	1	\$140,000.00
Chief Of Staff	Administration	1	\$140,000.00
Assistant Chief Of Staff	Administration	1	\$120,000.00
Communications Director	Administration	1	\$130,000.00
Assistant Communications Director	Administration	1	\$120,000.00
Director Of Residential Services	Administration	1	\$130,000.00
Assistant Director Of Residential Services	Administration	1	\$120,000.00
Human resources Director	Administration	1	\$130,000.00
Assistant Human Resources Director	Administration	1	\$120,000.00
Director Of policy and Enforcement	Administration	1	\$130,000.00

Assistant Director Of Policy and Enforcement	Administration	1	\$120,000.00
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Office Manager	Administration	1	\$70,000.00
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Office Coordinator	Administration	1	\$60,000.00
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Receptionist	Administration	1	\$50,000.00
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Per Diem Receptionist	Administration	1	\$30,000.00
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Custodial Manager	Environmental Services	1	\$70,000.00
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Custodial Coordinator	Environmental Services	1	\$60,000.00
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Custodial Worker	Environmental Services	1	\$40,000.00
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Per Diem Worker	Environmental Services	1	\$30,000.00
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Maintenance Manager	Maintenance	1	\$70,000.00
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Maintenance Coordinator	Maintenance	1	\$60,000.00
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Maintenance Worker	Maintenance	2	\$50,000.00
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Per diem Maintenance Worker	Maintenance	1	\$40,000.00
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**Total of Admin Staff: 17   Total Of Environmental Staff: 4   Total Of Maintenance Staff: 5**

## Department Staff:

Position	Department:	Total:	Yearly pay:
Program Housing Manager	Residential	62	\$65,000.00
Program Housing Coordinator	Residential	62	\$45,000.00
Advocate Councilors	Residential	372	\$42,000.00
Per diem Advocate Councillor	Residential	124	\$34,000.00
Proactive Homeless Program Manager	Community Outreach Services	1	\$65,000.00
Proactive Homeless Advocates	Community Outreach Services	31	\$42,000.00
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<b>Total Residential Employees: 620</b>		<b>Total Community Outreach Employees: 32</b>	

- What is the total of full time Administration Staff : **17**
- What is the total of Per Diem Administration Staff: **1**
- What is the total Number of Full time Employees in Environmental Services: **3**
- What Is the total number of Per Diem Employees in Environmental Services: **1**
- What is the total number of Full time Employees in Maintenance Services: **4**
- What is the total number of Per Diem Employees in Maintenance Services **1**
- What is the total number of Full time Residential Employees: **496**
- What is the total number of Per Diem Residential Employees: **124**
- What is the total number of full time Employees in Community Outreach services: **32**

What are the Number of combined Full time Employees in The Proposed New York State Department Of Housing Services (DOH): **552**

What is the Number of Combined Per Diem Employees in the Proposed New York State Department Of Housing Services: **127**

What is the combined total of number of employees in the Proposed New York State Department Of Housing Services: **679**

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**Hourly and Monthly pay for Administration Employees:**

Administration Staff:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Hourly Pay:</b>	<b>Monthly Pay:</b>	<b>Yearly Pay:</b>
Department Secretary	Administration	\$86.54	\$15,000.00	\$180,000.00
Assistant Department Secretary	Administration	\$81.73	\$14,166.66	\$170,000.00
Chief Finance Officer	Administration	\$80.00	\$13,333.33	\$160,000.00
Assistant Finance Officer	Administration	\$70.00	\$11,666.67	\$140,000.00
Chief Of Staff	Administration	\$70.00	\$11,666.67	\$140,000.00
Assistant Chief Of Staff	Administration	\$57.69	\$10,000.00	\$120,000.00
Communications Director	Administration	\$65.00	\$10,833.33	\$130,000.00
Assistant Communications Director	Administration	\$57.69	\$10,000.00	\$120,000.00
Director of Residential Services	Administration	\$65.00	\$10,833.33	\$130,000.00
Assistant Director Of Residential Services	Administration	\$57.69	\$10,000.00	\$120,000.00
Human Resource Director	Administration	\$65.00	\$10,833.33	\$130,000.00
Assistant Human Resource Director	Administration	\$57.69	\$10,000.00	\$120,000.00

Director Of policy and Enforcement	Administration	\$65.00	\$10,833.33	\$130,000.00
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Assistant Director Of Policy Administration and Enforcement		\$57.69	\$10,000.00	\$120,000.00
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Office Manager	Administration	\$33.65	\$5,833.33	\$70,000.00
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Office Coordinator	Administration	\$28.85	\$5,000.00	\$60,000.00
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Receptionist	Administration	\$24.04	\$4,166.67	\$50,000.00
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Per Diem Receptionist	Administration	\$19.23	\$3,333.33	\$40,000.00
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Combined Hourly Pay: **\$972.49**    Monthly Pay: **\$177,499.96**    Yearly Pay: **\$2,130,000.00**

Department Staff:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Hourly Pay:</b>	<b>Monthly Pay:</b>	<b>Yearly Pay:</b>
Program Housing Manager	Residential	\$31.25 X62 Staff \$1,937.50	\$5,416.67 X 62 \$335,833.54	\$65,000.00 X62 \$4,030,000.00

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Program Housing Coordinator	Residential	\$21.63 X 62 Staff \$1,340.06	\$3,570.00 X 62 \$221,340.00	\$45,000.00 X62 \$2,790,000.00
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Advocate Councilors	Residential	\$20.19 X372 Staff \$7,510.68	\$3,500.00 X372 \$1,302,000	\$42,000.00 X372 \$15,624,000.00
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Per-Diem Advocate Councilors	Residential	\$16.35 X124 Staff \$2,027.40	\$2,833.33 X124 \$351,332.93	\$34,000.00 X124 \$4,416,000.00
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Homeless Proactive Community Program Manager Outreach Services	\$31.25	\$5,416.67	\$65,000.00
Proactive Homeless Community Advocates Outreach Services X31	\$20.19	\$3,500.00	\$42,000.00
	\$625.89	\$108,500.00	\$1,302,000.00
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Hourly Pay:	\$1,3472.78	Monthly Pay: \$1,154,623.14	Yearly Pay: \$28,227,000.00

**Will DOH Need any vehicles for transportation and if so how many and what model is the vehicle:** NYS Department of Housing Services (DOH), will need 124 vehicles, Insurance will be covered under State policy if this department is approved and has funding from New York State and Federal legislation.

Policy for vehicles: All vehicles in use under the New York State Department Of Housing Services Must meet the following qualifications before allowing consumers and employees in them.

- All vehicles must have working deploying safety air-bags
- All vehicles must have a working seat belt
- All vehicles must pass state inspections as well as any additional inspections the department wishes to proceed with
- All vehicles must have safety features that ensure the consumer's and employee's safety and well-being.

DHS will require one Car and One Small minivan for each shelter location, (used vehicles may be used however, vehicles can not be over 50,000 miles on a vehicle and must meet the minimum year of 2014 for consideration.)

**Car details:** 2014 Hyundai sonata hybrid Limited sedan 4d

Price: for used ranged between \$15,000-20,000.00.

4.5/5 · [Kelley Blue Book](#)

[2014 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid Limited got a 4.5 stars review on Kelley Blue Book.](#)

**Model:** 2014 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid **MPG:** 36 City / 40 highway **Battery:** 270 V lithium polymer

**Tire size:** P215/55R17 **Engine:** 2.4 L 4-cylinder **Cargo volume:** 12.1 ft³ **0-60 mph:** 8.8 seconds **Bore:** 3.5"

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Mini-van Details: 2018 Toyota Sienna

Price: 20,000-34,000.00

**MPG:** Up to 19 city / 27 highway towing **capacity:** 3,500 lbs **Horsepower:** 296 hp **Curb weight:** 4,430 to 4,750 lbs **dimensions:** 200" L x 78" W x 69-71" H **Cargo volume:** 39.1 ft<sup>3</sup>, 150 ft<sup>3</sup> with seat area

**What additional funds if any will DHS Need to be able to provide adequate**

**Services to the community:** New York State Department Of Housing Services will need funding for the creation of a shelter residential program, and or rental approval for a building throughout the State of NY. DHS will house no more than 20 consumers at each Shelter at a time. DHS will provide the following for each consumer upon admission.

- Bed frame - (30) beds for each shelter
- Mattress
- Dressers - (30) dressers for each shelter
- Bedding
- Food Dinners and basic food items
- Body care
- Toiletries
- Paper Towel
- Recreational events

DOH will provide a home-like setting for Residents who are enrolled in the Homeless shelter residential program, All consumers will be furnished with the necessities as listed above. Furthermore, Basic foods and dinner will be provided to all enrolled Residents. Consumers will be responsible for their lunch, additional snacks, veggies, and fruits, as well as basic lunch meat, dairy products, and bread, which will be provided throughout the day if residents wish to make something alternative to dinner.

Washers and dryers will be provided within the residential program for residents to use, as well as separate full bathrooms for men and women. The men's and women's walkways will be separated and no resident is allowed to be in another resident's room at any point during their stay at any State County shelter. This helps maintain and reduce issues such as accusatory statements towards residents, safety concerns, and personal space boundaries.

DOH, assesses that this program will need funding for 8 million dollars for starting costs. This would cover any permit fees, building costs, construction, beds, personal hygiene, and food for our residents. DOH is seeking additional funds for computer software for documentation and record keeping as well as additional office necessities, office supplies, and or computer technology that may be donated if approved by the State and or Director of Housing Services.

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## **What is the homeless population in New York State:**

Since September 2022, there were **60,252 homeless people**, including 19,310 homeless children, sleeping each night in New York City's main municipal shelter system. A near-record 20,764 single adults slept in shelters each night in September 2022. I believe that this number regarding the homeless population has significantly increased today in July 2023, due to the housing epidemic and intensified inflation, causing a ripple effect of consequences on families across the State of New York. Some counties have very few to no services, regarding Shelters and rehabilitation reintegration services that help families that are homeless and or are facing homelessness.

The County Department Of Social Services (DSS) does not have enough resources for the ratio of people that are seeking assistance regarding housing assistance and, or are over-stressed out because they don't have enough staff and overall services. Many people are put in motels that are unsafe, and questionable. and these are the lucky ones that get a spot. Many New York residents looking for emergency housing assistance are not able to get what they're looking for because DSS does not have enough motels or housing programs that have open availability for rooms or beds.

Creating the New York State Department Of Housing Services (DOH), can be an efficient and strategic way to tackle this concern, while effectively and collaboratively promoting safety, governmental, community, and faith community services and, resources to enhance one's independence, self-advocacy, and education Skills while working and supporting consumers towards re-integrating back into the community, on a team bases.

DOH is committed to providing services while increasing one's chance of survival when facing hard times. DOH is committed to increasing, promoting, and prolonging one's future and life while protecting consumers' confidentiality and building trust. We are committed to building strong, working partnership and relationships with other government departments, agencies, community agencies, and faith communities while ensuring results in adequate services and housing for the homeless population within New York State counties. NYS Department Of Housing Services is a proposed agency that can become reality if there is a need for services with the housing crisis. the people want additional support and aid, and if the officials and legislation of New York believe that the creation of DOH would positively benefit the public and government.

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**Why is this a project that you want New York Officials and the residents of New York to support and invest their time, money and efforts in this project? / Why does this proposal matter to you as a person and resident of Ontario county and the state of New York, and what background in human services and government Affairs can you bring to the table:**

I am all about putting my words into action while showing results, advocating for positive, proactive and effective measures that are going to improve the quality of life of a family, individual and community. It infuriates me when so many families across our state are struggling financially because wages do not match cost of living, or county, state and federal programs can't help someone because they make 1-5 dollars over the limit to receive help.

Thousands of families are seeking housing services, resources and aid, but are put on a waiting list, while having nowhere to stay. This creates uncertainty, safety concerns, increase in robbery crimes, substance misuse, mental and behavioral health concerns, while having long lasting set back and consequences, for Students in an educational setting.

We are taught that our basic necessities are most important, and should always come first, before our wants. Housing, Food, and clothing are our basic rights, they are not earned, it is not something that someone should have to wait for, or beg for. Yet many people often have to wait for these things or even may be denied assistance in obtaining their basic rights.

DSS has a rule that if you receive assistance in rent from the county, you can not get rental assistance again, until after five years has passed. Many not for profit agencies such as catholic charities and the salvation army run out of funds within days of receiving them because the need for rental and housing assistance is so great here in Ontario County and other areas.

So why should the communities, local, county, state and Federal Representatives invest their time in this Proposed state Department. Because it's a right and need that everyone should be entitled to, without nonsense policies, indicating when someone can receive help after already obtaining it in the past. This proposal also can decrease the number of violent crimes, unemployment rates, and homelessness.

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I have, created other proposals for NYS and or the Federal Governments to work on passing a bill that would create a department or agency that specializes in community and education security, The United States Department Of Community Security Administration (DCSA), this department would focus its attention on providing additional financial aid to County Police Departments, Schools, and Community Business while providing a high level of mental, behavioral, gun violence and community resources training to establish awareness, services, and safety. For more information visit <https://www.jacobwelch-us.org/>

When we invest in the People of this great County and State, by providing services and assistance, the fact of the matter is, those people will often invest their time, money, and support back into you as a person and community body. Ontario County, while many other counties, does not have enough resources to combat the housing crisis, and NYS Does not have a homeless shelter program when speaking with Jeff Gallahan, office chief of staff. Based on a substantial amount of documentation and evidence It would be beneficial to the community and counties by establishing a shelter in each county.

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**Written Date: 06/02/2023**

**Meeting Date:06/22/2023**

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**Good evening,**

My name is Jacob Welch, I am sure by now you all know who I am. I am reaching out to you. In hopes to redirect your attention to our need to address the housing and homeless shelter shortage epidemic. More than ever now. It is in my opinion that we need you as county leaders and representatives to act now. Our lack of housing, homeless services and resources is alarming. I have stated, represented and shown to you all, through my past data analyzation and documentation, the seriousness behind this issue. While providing a comprehensive proposal plan on county and New York State levels, to combat the lack of shelter services within Ontario County and surrounding Counties that face similar housing concerns.

I want to bring several key ideal concerns to your attention. In the past 5 years there has been a significant increase in community business and housing development here in Canandaigua, south Bristol and other parts of Ontario county, This attracts new comers, while showing off great potential in increasing the population rates within ontario county. Another key aspect to consider is, there are legal immigrants and asylum seekers that have been granted to stay in the United States.

Many of these immigrants and Asylum seekers have found Shelter and resources in big cities like New York City. However NYC is experiencing overpopulation rates of these newcomers, and have started to spread them out through New York State. As a result, many counties have declared a state of emergency. Should Onatrio, and other neighboring counties be a location of interest for immigrants, asylum seekers, American citizens, newcomers, and or already established Ontario County Residents looking to start a new future for themselves. What are we going to Do?

I ask this question, because how can we as a county help these new potential comers, that are drawn by the increase in community, business and housing development, and community and family like structure, have their basic Humanitarian needs met, such as Housing and other forms of social, educational and personal development services. How can we do this, when Ontario County and other struggling counties lack Housing and homeless shelter services for low income families. Who may have been waiting for years, and months for established housing. How can we provide and or offer services to established and or new potential residents , when we do not have affordable, enough and or non of these services to give and or offer.

This is why I am urging the Board of supervisors to request a collaborative resolution in New York State, in hopes to start the process to remedy this issue. If the board sees fit to promote my comprehensive Housing and Homeless shelter plan to the state through seeking a resolution request from the state, The board Of Supervisors Would not only be one step closer in. addressing the housing issue, but also creating a proactive response to address other potential threats, safety and health concerns through requesting, the establishment and support from State and federal representatives for this proposal.

### **Here is some potential concerns to consider:**

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#### **Canandaigua NY population:**

Below are dates to show the rates of population increase and decreases. It is in my opinion if Ontario county and other counties do not direct their attention to the housing and Homeless concerns. The rate of people is not the only thing that will decrease, but business and other forms of investments will go elsewhere, To ensure stability for their investments. This will hurt cities' and their economy. Thriving cities like Canandaigua, Victor, Geneva and other towns throughout Ontario county.

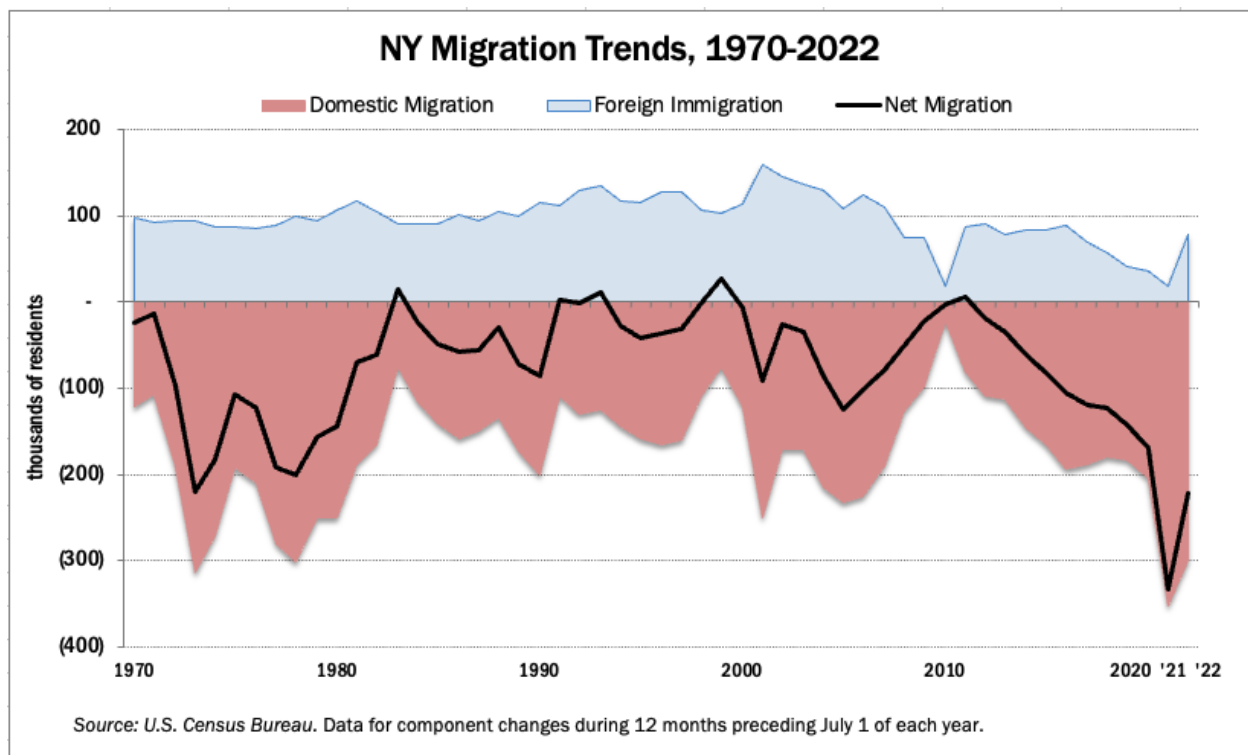
This may have further consequences, such as increase of crime, decrease in employment rates, increase in mental health, decrease in educational services and a loss of protection from emergency and safety services due to lack of funding and taxpayer contribution. If there is a significant decline and or abandonment rate from townes and cities from populations of people leaving, do to lack of basic housing

services and resources while the focus of homeless shelter services not being prioritized, business, education, employment, safety and emergency services rates will drop significantly, causing crime and other forms of preventable Human made disasters and consequences to increase.

Dates:	Length of time between dates	population Number:
1990	10 years	10,865
2000	10 years	11,343
2010	10 years	10,557
2019	10 years	10,119
2021	10 years	10,526

**Ontario County population:** 112,508 (2021)

New York State saw the largest annual numeric and percent decline in its population between July 2021 and July 2022, dropping by 180,341 people. Overall, That's a 0.9% decrease in people living in New York, based on the bureau report. New York in the last two years has seen a sharp drop in its population, losing more than 400,000 people during that time. Between these two dates, **If you go back to April 2020, over a half-million Empire State residents moved out of New York State.**



New York State's population declined from mid-2021 to Mid-2022 was driven by a net domestic migration outflow of 299,577 residents, meaning nearly 300,000 more people moved out of New York, then moved in from other states during the previous 12 months. This was the State's second largest net domestic migration loss on record, exceeded only by a net outflow of 314,153 in 1973. Over the combined two year period, New York State, lost a net 651742 Residents to other states, exceeding the combined populations of Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. The latest numbers indicate the outflow of New Yorkers triggered by covid-19 pandemic, in 2021, that continued well into 2022. New York's population declined accounted for 82 percent of the Northeast region's total net population decline of 218,000. Pennsylvania had the second largest population drop.while the largest gains came from Main and New Hampshire

### Components of Migration, 2021-22 12-month change as of July 1, 2022

	Foreign Immigration			Domestic Migration			Net Migration		
	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>	Total	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Rank <sup>2</sup>
Alabama	4,597	0.1%	49	28,609	0.6%	16	33,206	0.7%	17
Alaska	2,371	0.3%	13	-6,126	-0.8%	46	-3,755	-0.5%	46
Arizona	22,219	0.3%	16	70,984	1.0%	7	93,203	1.3%	6
Arkansas	3,314	0.1%	45	18,209	0.6%	15	21,523	0.7%	16
California	125,715	0.3%	14	-343,230	-0.9%	47	-217,515	-0.6%	47
Colorado	10,366	0.2%	34	5,376	0.1%	23	15,742	0.3%	24
Connecticut	16,296	0.5%	5	-13,547	-0.4%	39	2,749	0.1%	32
Delaware	2,451	0.2%	24	11,826	1.2%	5	14,277	1.4%	5
District of Columbia	4,558	0.7%	1	-3,647	-0.5%	42	911	0.1%	28
Florida	125,629	0.6%	3	318,855	1.5%	3	444,484	2.1%	1
Georgia	27,285	0.3%	21	81,406	0.8%	12	108,691	1.0%	12
Hawaii	5,785	0.4%	9	-15,212	-1.0%	49	-9,427	-0.6%	48
Idaho	1,844	0.1%	46	28,639	1.5%	2	30,483	1.6%	3
Illinois	31,529	0.2%	25	-141,656	-1.1%	50	-110,127	-0.9%	50
Indiana	15,490	0.2%	26	5,230	0.1%	25	20,720	0.3%	23
Iowa	9,348	0.3%	17	-7,292	-0.2%	33	2,056	0.1%	34
Kansas	5,484	0.2%	32	-7,409	-0.3%	34	-1,925	-0.1%	36
Kentucky	4,455	0.1%	48	10,420	0.2%	20	14,875	0.3%	22
Louisiana	8,106	0.2%	35	-46,672	-1.0%	48	-38,566	-0.8%	49
Maine	2,525	0.2%	33	11,600	0.9%	10	14,125	1.0%	11
Maryland	23,756	0.4%	11	-45,101	-0.7%	44	-21,345	-0.3%	45
Massachusetts	43,880	0.6%	2	-57,292	-0.8%	45	-13,412	-0.2%	41
Michigan	18,812	0.2%	31	-8,482	-0.1%	29	10,330	0.1%	31
Minnesota	14,194	0.2%	23	-19,400	-0.3%	37	-5,206	-0.1%	37
Mississippi	1,593	0.1%	51	-5,716	-0.2%	30	-4,123	-0.1%	39
Missouri	10,058	0.2%	39	5,024	0.1%	24	15,082	0.2%	26
Montana	1,801	0.2%	36	16,003	1.5%	4	17,804	1.6%	4
Nebraska	4,018	0.2%	29	-4,270	-0.2%	32	-252	0.0%	35
Nevada	10,163	0.3%	12	20,781	0.7%	14	30,944	1.0%	13
New Hampshire	3,900	0.3%	18	6,303	0.5%	17	10,203	0.7%	15
New Jersey	39,388	0.4%	7	-64,231	-0.7%	43	-24,843	-0.3%	44
New Mexico	5,893	0.3%	19	-4,504	-0.2%	31	1,389	0.1%	33
<b>New York</b>	<b>77,923</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-299,557</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-221,634</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>51</b>
North Carolina	26,430	0.3%	22	99,796	1.0%	8	126,226	1.2%	9
North Dakota	1,268	0.2%	40	-2,710	-0.3%	38	-1,442	-0.2%	40
Ohio	24,112	0.2%	30	-9,165	-0.1%	28	14,947	0.1%	29
Oklahoma	5,737	0.1%	42	26,791	0.7%	13	32,528	0.8%	14
Oregon	7,026	0.2%	37	-17,331	-0.4%	40	-10,305	-0.2%	43
Pennsylvania	26,741	0.2%	28	-39,957	-0.3%	36	-13,216	-0.1%	38
Rhode Island	2,799	0.3%	20	-5196	-0.5%	41	-2,397	-0.2%	42
South Carolina	10,654	0.2%	27	84,030	1.6%	1	94,684	1.8%	2
South Dakota	2,781	0.3%	15	8,424	0.9%	9	11,205	1.3%	8

## State Report Card

Report Card

# CITY AND STATE REPORT CARD

	NEW YORK CITY	NEW YORK STATE	
Meeting the Needs of Unsheltered New Yorkers			
Equipping Outreach Teams with Necessary Resources	D	D-	
Access to Low-Barrier Shelters	C+	F	
Access to Psychiatric Services	D	F	
Housing for Unsheltered Individuals	D	F	
Restroom Access for Unsheltered Individuals	F	F	
Protecting the Rights of Unsheltered Individuals	D	F	
	Shelters for Single Adults	Shelters for Adult Families	Shelters for Families with Children
The Shelter System			
Access to Shelters	C+	D-	D-
Shelter Conditions and Enforcement	D	D-	D-
Shelter Design	F	D	B
Services in Shelters	D+	D+	C+
Housing Search Assistance	D	F	D
	NEW YORK CITY	NEW YORK STATE	
Housing			
Affordable Housing for Extremely Low-Income and Homeless New Yorkers	F	F	
Supportive Housing and Licensed Housing for Adults with Serious Mental Illnesses	C	D	
Housing Vouchers and Stability	B	D+	
Enforcement Against Discrimination in Housing	C+	C-	
	NEW YORK CITY	NEW YORK STATE	
Homelessness Prevention			
Rental Assistance	B+	C+	
Eviction Prevention	A	C-	
Institutional Discharge Policies	C-	F	

**State County Residential Services (DOH)-** This State County Residential Program, would work with County residents that were facing homelessness and or about to be Homeless, due to inflation, and other factors that may play into why county residents may be struggling, resulting in becoming homeless. While working with our clients based on their needs DOH, would either enroll a potential Consumer in our temporary 24 hours around the clock- 6- 12 month home-like residential Shelter program. where they would obtain supportive assistance through County Workforce Development, access VR, Department Of Social Services (DSS, and or, Case management services. While taking advantage of Community services, food pantries, and other forms of supportive services through other agencies. that can assist them in obtaining rental assistance, such as catholic charities and The Salvation Army, while having a place to sleep, eat and be safe. At the shelter residents can work with our Advocate counselors and Program managers, for assistance in obtaining referrals and application assistance to the services they may need, such as HUD-Vash apartment housing resources and case management services.

If a County resident can maintain their home, a Community Outreach Advocate, can support them by assisting a family and or person fill out paperwork to receive rental assistance while referring them to other needed services of their interest, the Advocate can even participate at the request of an individual and or family, in agency meetings such as, Department of social services and or a not for profit community agency. While advocating for supportive services and needs. The program manager can assist a family if they don't have a car, to and from their service appointments, as long as it is related to housing appointment or resource need, and if it's a 24-hour notice in advance for scheduling purposes.

**(New York State Department); Of Housing Services (DOH)-**This department would be the center hub for all the shelters under the DHS, throughout the 62 counties within New York State, this department would provide assistance to already established Shelters, agencies, local DSS programs as well as newly built shelters Under the New York State Department Of Housing services. Services this department can offer are funding support, Contract and partnership opportunities with Human services and community and Government agencies, while building working relations with other Federal, State, and county agencies throughout New York State. The proposed New York State Department of Housing Services, hopes to establish at least one shelter in each County for county residents to take advantage of its services without feeling ashamed, to ask for and receive housing support. It is this department's goal to assist struggling families, individuals, Veterans and Immigrants into their own homes while having access to supportive housing and referral services to utilize, should they feel they need them

It is my belief that we need to be unified while being very direct and clear when it comes to communicating to the State and Federal Representatives, in what services, funding, and other forms of resources are needed, when it comes to creating stability, while establishing and increasing services, resources to maintain stability. We also need to be persistent and clear, while taking accountability in our

roles in decreasing the income basic level of eligibility and regulations for the Low-income and homeless population.

Counties across New York State, struggle in providing homeless and temporary housing services, as well Not because they don't care, but because there is not enough funding, housing, temporary assistance, and homeless shelter services, to the ratio of community residents looking for these supports. Family Promise Of Ontario County is the only Homeless shelter available throughout Ontario county. Their agency only has one shelter and is often full with no open availability. More than ever now. It is in my option that we need you as county, State and Federal leaders and representatives to act. Our lack of housing and homeless services and resources is alarming. I have stated, represented and shown to you all, through my past data analyzation and documentation, the seriousness behind this issue. While providing a comprehensive proposal plan on county and New York State levels, to combat the lack of shelter services within Ontario County and surrounding Counties that face similar housing concerns.

We all have a choice, we can either act, or do nothing, if we act, and collaboratively can show results, I would say that would be in the greater interest for Ontario county and other New York State counties residents. By providing an actionable response, together we are ensuring an effective and hopeful future with stability. However, if we choose to do nothing and or wait too long to act, many of these things as this document suggests will happen. Many of these things have already started. I am willing, able and committed to work with each and everyone who is willing to participate on all levels in the community, government and outreach services.

## **Jacob Welch**

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Good evening,

Hello again, for those who haven't met me before, My name is Jacob Welch. I firstly want to thank you for giving me this time to communicate directly with you. I would like to briefly talk to you tonight, about the proposals you all have received through email.

This proposal addresses the rising crisis of homelessness in our community and across the state of New York. Based on my research and searching the internet, Ontario county has 205 cases since 2019 that are known and reported of Ontario County residents being homeless and or unsheltered.

Since the inflation of goods, gas, and the intensified rise in housing rent and house mortgages. I'm sure there has been a significant increase in homelessness and or evictions, since then, making families unsure of how they are going to keep a roof over their heads.

## **NYC**

In 2015

### **Age:**

- In 2015 there was 4% who were under the age of 18 years old who were homeless
- 44% between the ages 18 to 20- who were homeless
- 52% between the ages of 21-24 who were homeless

### **Gender:**

- 52% identified as male
- 38% identified as female
- 1% identified as transgender female
- 2% identified as transgender male

### **Race and Ethnicity:**

- 38% Identified as african American
- 25% Identified as Hispanic
- 8% Identified as white
- 20% Identified as 2 or more races

### **Sexual Orientation**

- 51% identified as Straight
- 44% identify as LGBTQ

34% cite physical, mental, or sexual abuse as a reason for homelessness in NYC

34% cite fighting frequently with parents as a reason for homelessness in NYC

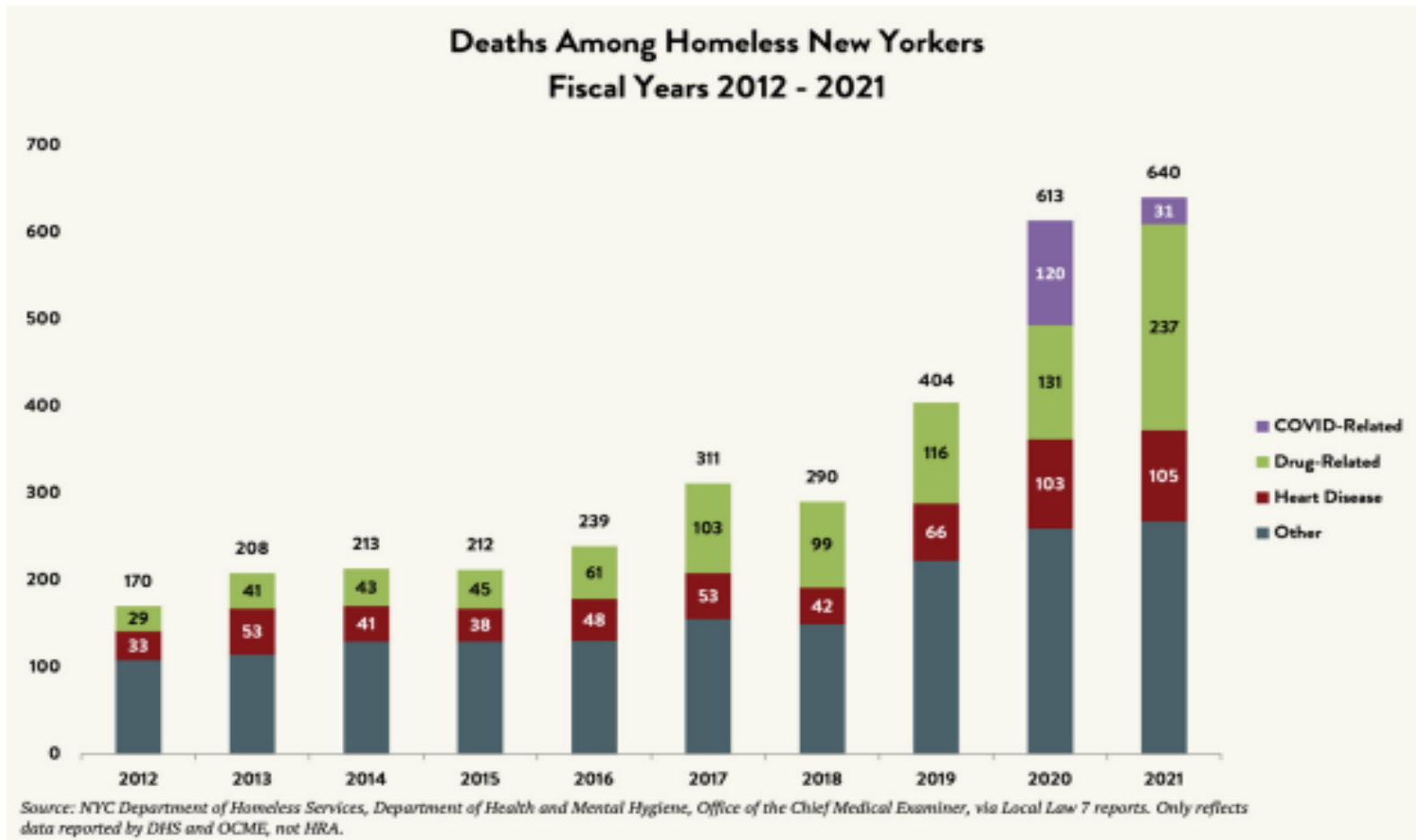
31% cite being kicked out of home as a reason for homelessness in NYC

26% cite neglect, and parents not meeting basic needs as a reason for homelessness in NYC

20% cite not willing to live by their parents' rules as a reason for homelessness in NYC

“Youth homelessness is often underreported and extremely difficult to track”.

## HOUSING IS HEALTH CARE



Tragically, a record number of homeless New Yorkers died last year. Of the 640 deaths among homeless New Yorkers reported by the City in Fiscal Year 2021, 76 percent (489) of those who died were sheltered and 24 percent (151) were unsheltered. Drug-related deaths remained the leading cause of death among homeless New Yorkers, consistent with citywide and national trends,<sup>1</sup> increasing by 81 percent, from 131 in Fiscal Year 2020 to 237 in Fiscal Year 2021. This underscores the urgent need for additional harm reduction services and the expansion of overdose prevention centers to more neighborhoods. Amidst the ongoing pandemic, 31 homeless New Yorkers died due to COVID-19 in Fiscal Year 2021, 27 of whom were shelter residents. We can see from the chart listed above, that the rate of homeless deaths are increasing year by year.

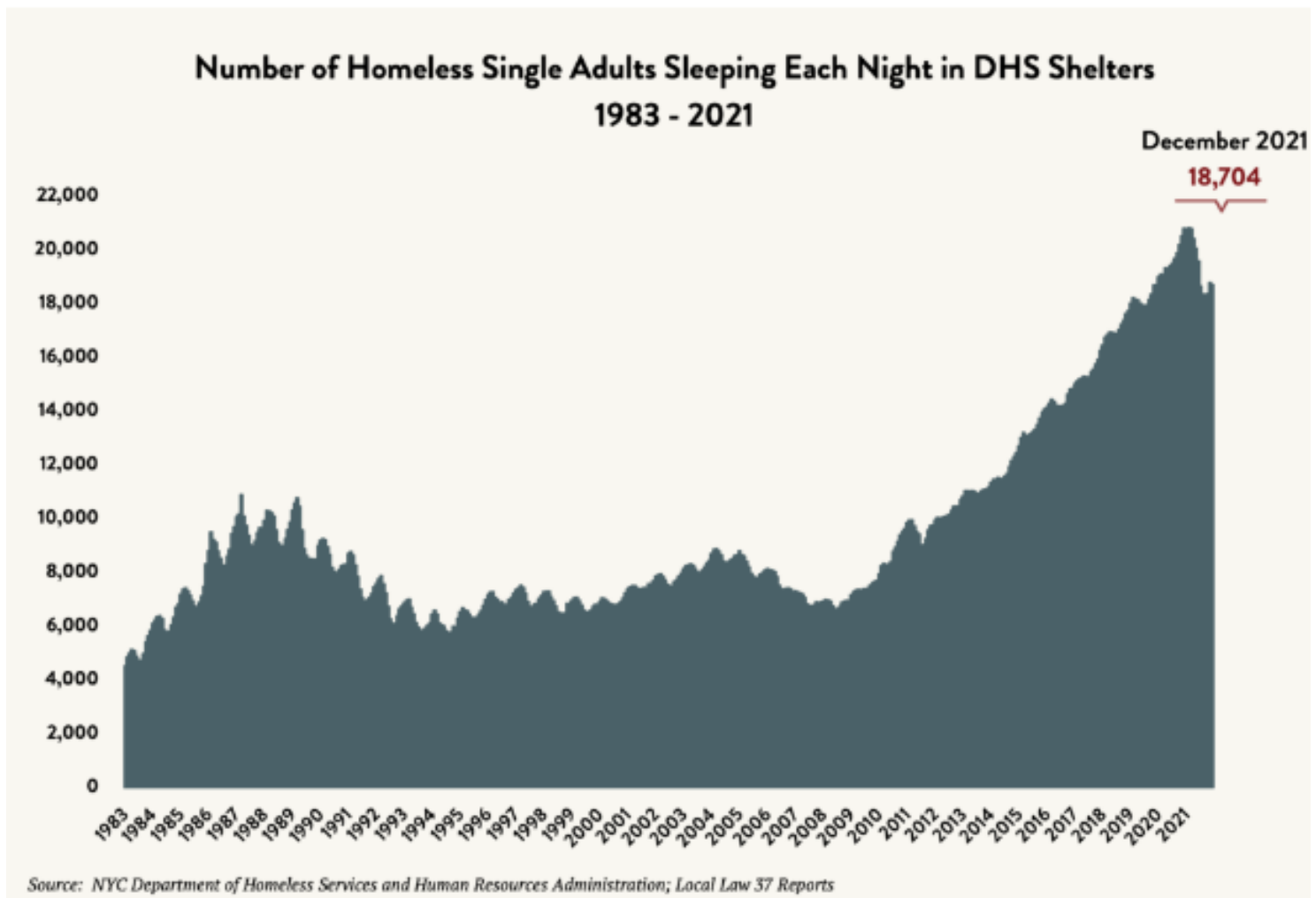
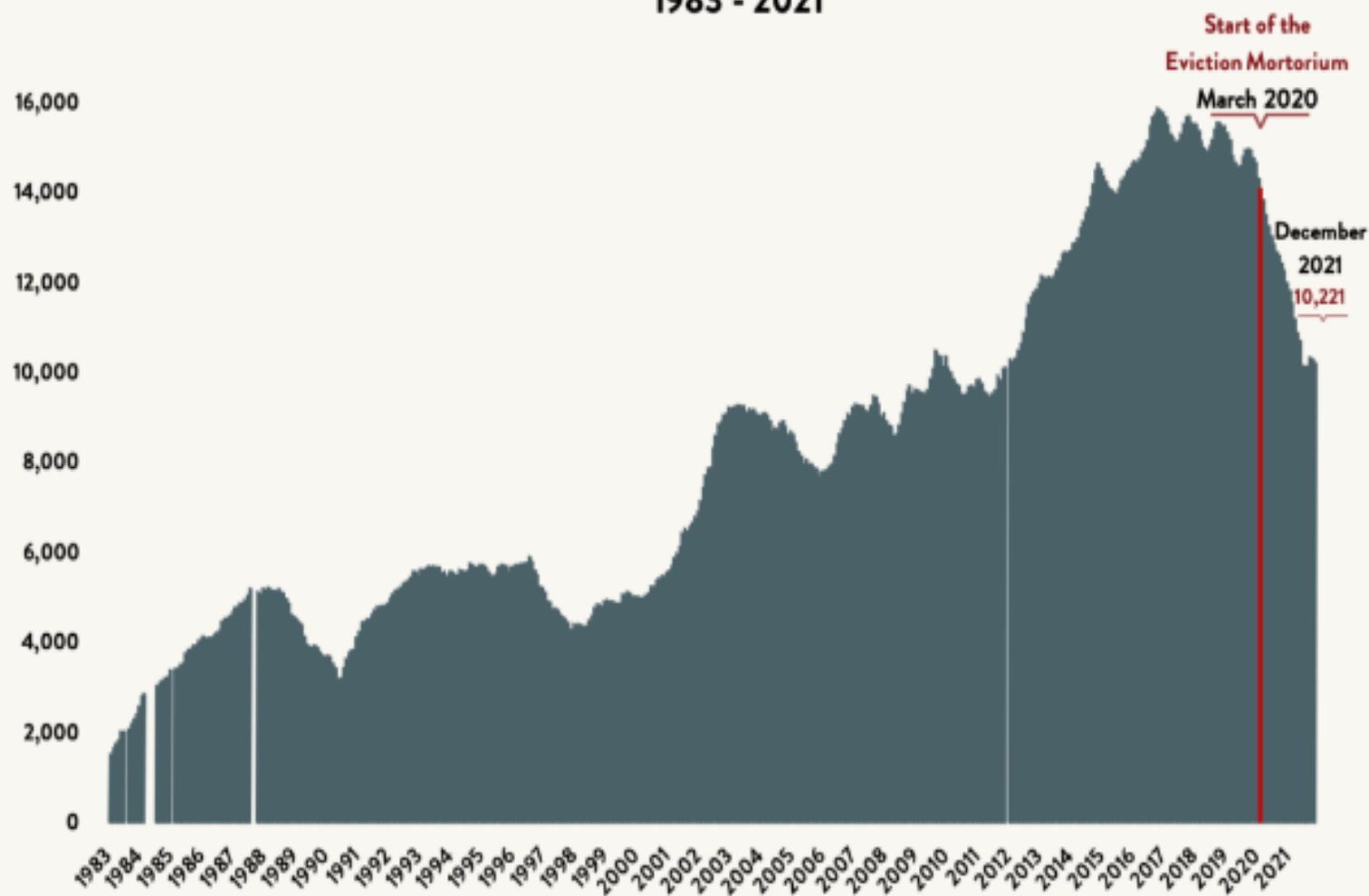


Image Description: A graph labeled “Number of Homeless Single Adults Sleeping Each Night in DHS Shelters 1983-2021.” The vertical axis lists numbers 0 to 22,000 in increments of 2,000. The horizontal axis lists the years 1983 through 2021. A gray shaded area stretches along the horizontal axis and shows small peaks and troughs before a large incline followed by a slight decline leading to a point labeled “December 2021 18,704.”

**“In December 2021, an average of 18,704 individuals slept each night in the DHS shelter system for single adults – an increase of 91 percent in 10 years.** The single adult shelter census has increased dramatically since 2007 and reached new highs during the pandemic, mirrored by a visible increase in the number of unsheltered single adults, and highlighting the scarcity of permanent housing options for this population.”

## Number of Homeless Families Sleeping Each Night in DHS and HPD Shelters 1983 - 2021

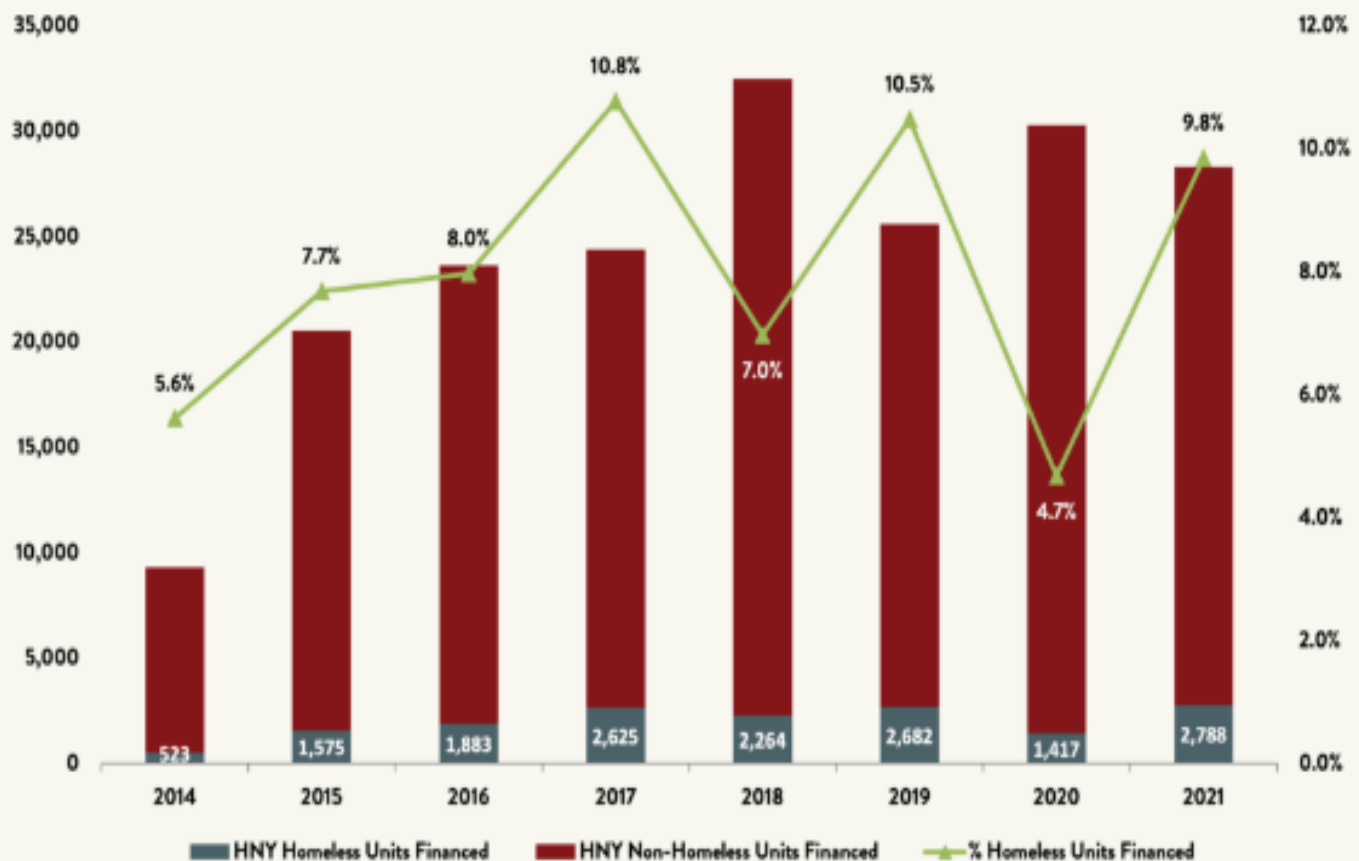


Source: NYC Department of Homeless Services and Human Resources Administration; Local Law 37 Reports

Image Description: A graph labeled “Number of Homeless Families Sleeping Each Night in DHS and HPD Shelters 1983-2021.” The vertical axis lists numbers 0 to 16,000 in increments of 2,000. The horizontal axis lists the years 1983 through 2021. A gray shaded area stretches horizontally with several peaks and troughs and a large incline followed by a decline leading to a point labeled “December 2021 10,221.” A vertical red line labeled “Start of the Eviction Moratorium March 2020” precedes the final sharp decline.

All told, the *Housing New York* plan produced fewer than 3,000 newly constructed apartments for homeless households, aside from supportive housing, in the span of nearly eight years. Most of the plan's housing is "affordable" only to people with higher incomes – a glaring failure to leverage City and or county resources to address the daunting housing crisis that causes prolonged homelessness and housing instability among extremely low-income New Yorkers.

### *Housing New York* Units and Homeless Set-Aside Units Financed Fiscal Years 2014 - 2021



Source: NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development and Mayor's Management Reports

Image Description: A graph labeled “Housing New York Units and Homeless Set-Aside Units Financed Fiscal Years 2014 – 2021.” The vertical axes list numbers 0 to 35,000 in increments of 5,000 on the left, and percentages from 0.0% to 12.0% in increments of 2 on the right. The horizontal axis lists the years 2014 through 2021. At each year are bars in two sections: A gray section shows the number of Housing New York homeless units financed, with a value of 2,788 for the year 2021, and a dark red section shows the number of Housing New York non-homeless units financed. A green line marks the percentage of homeless units financed at each year, with a value of 9.8% for 2021.

STATE	1 EARNER	FAMILY SIZE		
		2 PEOPLE	3 PEOPLE	4 PEOPLE *
ALABAMA	\$52,138	\$63,401	\$70,250	\$85,687
ALASKA	\$67,010	\$90,698	\$108,072	\$108,072
ARIZONA	\$58,462	\$73,262	\$79,110	\$89,741
ARKANSAS	\$48,882	\$61,212	\$70,169	\$71,383
CALIFORNIA	\$65,895	\$87,355	\$97,092	\$111,535
COLORADO	\$70,952	\$92,321	\$100,744	\$120,898
CONNECTICUT	\$72,497	\$94,528	\$108,409	\$137,128
DELAWARE	\$65,072	\$82,516	\$96,841	\$113,626
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$74,266	\$138,342	\$138,342	\$182,068
FLORIDA	\$55,681	\$69,884	\$75,057	\$89,206
GEORGIA	\$55,600	\$71,504	\$79,980	\$96,622
HAWAII	\$75,797	\$88,181	\$100,532	\$125,304
IDAHO	\$54,942	\$68,818	\$76,635	\$95,031
ILLINOIS	\$61,456	\$81,190	\$97,067	\$113,649
INDIANA	\$54,785	\$69,505	\$81,783	\$96,083
IOWA	\$54,155	\$75,139	\$85,758	\$100,901
KANSAS	\$55,069	\$75,845	\$88,369	\$98,454
KENTUCKY	\$51,978	\$61,790	\$71,501	\$86,508
LOUISIANA	\$49,719	\$61,042	\$71,371	\$87,472
MAINE	\$57,955	\$72,988	\$87,051	\$97,141
MARYLAND	\$75,214	\$98,840	\$113,994	\$138,054

		FAMILY SIZE		
MASSACHUSETTS	\$75,077	\$96,358	\$117,415	\$148,713
MICHIGAN	\$56,343	\$70,163	\$84,245	\$103,838
MINNESOTA	\$65,514	\$86,358	\$106,445	\$125,753
MISSISSIPPI	\$47,446	\$57,148	\$61,205	\$74,888
MISSOURI	\$53,547	\$69,614	\$80,022	\$94,774
MONTANA	\$57,448	\$71,836	\$79,652	\$86,867
NEBRASKA	\$53,892	\$75,719	\$91,076	\$102,544
NEVADA	\$56,949	\$73,083	\$81,179	\$88,746
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$75,432	\$87,260	\$113,013	\$135,833
NEW JERSEY	\$75,321	\$92,669	\$117,697	\$140,657
NEW MEXICO	\$49,757	\$60,728	\$66,183	\$70,316
NEW YORK	\$63,548	\$80,784	\$96,854	\$117,706
NORTH CAROLINA	\$53,687	\$70,000	\$76,386	\$94,269
NORTH DAKOTA	\$58,318	\$82,635	\$94,950	\$110,225
OHIO	\$54,877	\$70,209	\$82,734	\$100,693
OKLAHOMA	\$51,435	\$66,786	\$71,397	\$83,157
OREGON	\$64,975	\$77,773	\$93,773	\$106,554
PENNSYLVANIA	\$60,640	\$74,805	\$92,441	\$110,077
RHODE ISLAND	\$67,541	\$84,570	\$101,104	\$114,580
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$52,348	\$67,922	\$75,128	\$90,331
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$54,821	\$74,820	\$87,475	\$96,399
TENNESSEE	\$53,188	\$66,989	\$75,394	\$91,069
TEXAS	\$55,441	\$74,636	\$80,733	\$93,386
UTAH	\$70,425	\$77,219	\$90,629	\$101,146
VERMONT	\$58,728	\$78,009	\$92,628	\$117,750
VIRGINIA	\$67,918	\$86,805	\$102,869	\$121,793

		FAMILY SIZE		
WASHINGTON	\$74,398	\$90,292	\$104,644	\$118,901
WEST VIRGINIA	\$53,244	\$58,126	\$71,757	\$78,008
WISCONSIN	\$57,934	\$76,493	\$92,586	\$109,919
WYOMING	\$60,510	\$76,143	\$88,902	\$106,003

*\* Add \$9,900 for each individual in excess of 4.*

COMMONWEALTH OR U.S. TERRITORY	1 EARNER	FAMILY SIZE		
		2 PEOPLE	3 PEOPLE	4 PEOPLE *
GUAM	\$45,332	\$54,202	\$61,766	\$74,744
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	\$30,442	\$30,442	\$35,417	\$52,091
PUERTO RICO	\$26,146	\$26,146	\$28,484	\$33,905
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$35,968	\$43,228	\$46,090	\$50,496

*\* Add \$9,900 for each individual in excess of 4.*

### Personal Statement:

When looking at the Data above, it's clear to me that the bigger local governments and counties are trying to address the humanitarian crisis, when it comes to increasing and or maintaining services and resources for the homeless populations. However, the local governments and counties can not maintain the level of resources and services needed, without the State Of New York's and federal year-round financial, and development support, which is clearly lagging behind.

We can see, based on the report card, NYS needs to get its act together when it comes to improving on providing financial assistance, while increasing the level of supportive housing assistance programs across the State for the homeless and low-income population. NYS, will tell you, we are and we have, but the data says something different.

Yes, they have set up programs like HUD, and other forms of low-income housing, but I would argue based on the evidence presented to you tonight that NYS has made it almost impossible for families to meet basic eligibility to qualify when applying for HUD and or other low-income housing. While their Homeless programs are almost nonexistent based on the report shown. I believe that we need to be unified while being very direct when it comes to communicating to the State representatives, on what services, funding, and other forms or resources are needed when it comes to creating stability while establishing and increasing services, resources and decreasing the income basic level of eligibility and regulations for the Low-income and homeless population.

Ontario County struggles in providing homeless and temporary housing services, as well as many other small counties. Again, Not because they don't care, but because there is not enough funding, housing, temporary assistance, and homeless shelter services to the ratio of community residents looking for these supports.

### **Imagine,**

someone homeless a few days before Christmas eve, and is looking for support and shelter. They live in Ontario county (Canandaigua NY) in their car. they have nothing as they walk into DSS/ The man explains his situation in hopes to get housing and other supportive services. Then the DSS social worker tells the man that, we have no more open availability for motels, is there any way you can find an agency, friend, or family member who can take you in for the holiday? (the reason he's there is because he has no one to take him in).

He says no, Dss social worker explains to him, we'll have to see what shelters are available outside the county because Ontario County doesn't have Open availability in shelters. The DSS Social Worker has stated He doesn't qualify for HUD because he receives SSI and SSD in the amount of 1,300.00 and an additional \$600.00 monthly from his part-time job equaling 1,900 as gross monthly income. Housing has increased therefore, the one-bedroom policy with HUD with affordable rent, Which is nonexistent.

HUD policy is that he must find a one-bedroom apartment at \$760.00 monthly with a possible supplemental shelter allowance of \$350.00 if he meets the basic State, and County eligibility requirements. The shelter Supplement may not apply due to Ontario County not having adequate Open availability in shelters for placement, open emergency Temporary housing availability, and or if he indicates that he has children. The man is now unsure if he'll have emergency housing and a safe environment while awaiting additional resources. On top of that, he's unsure if he'll have the gas to get to work if he's placed outside the county in an emergency shelter.

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## Ontario County Housing Authority Income Limit

Income Ontario County Basic Eligibility For Public Housing Authority, your household must Meet the net and gross income limits based on the household size, income limits may vary State by State.

<b>Persons in Family/Household</b>	<b>Gross Monthly Income</b>	<b>Net Monthly Income</b>
1	\$1,383 Before Taxes	\$1,064 After Taxes
2	\$1,868	\$1,437
3	\$2,353	\$1,810
4	\$2,839	\$2,184
5	\$3,324	\$2,557
6	\$3,809	\$2,930
7	\$4,295	\$3,304
8	\$4,780	\$3,677

The Ontario County Housing Authority will check your references to make sure you and your family will be good tenants. The Housing Authority will only provide admission to any applicant **with a good tenant history to maintain a peaceful and quiet experience for other residents.**

This is a prime example that many people who are coming to DSS, looking for emergency shelter Housing face. Many of the Non-profit agencies are in tough positions because they don't have enough funds to provide for struggling families. Ontario county on top of many other small counties doesn't have adequate shelter and or temporary housing programs to provide for struggling low-income and or homeless families. There needs to be an increase of funding for DSS for their programs, while a decrease in regulations and increase for realistic eligibility requirements for Low income and homeless populations throughout the State of New York.

As you can see, when reading the information listed above, the Homeless crisis is turning into a humanitarian health crisis concern, regarding one's health, safety, well-being, and overall growth opportunities. I know this may seem small and out of touch for smaller cities and counties, but take a moment and think about it, once the bigger cities start getting overcrowded and can't find homeless programs to enroll the growing population of homeless people, where do you think they're going to send them, they're going to send them to a location where there is availability for housing.

**What's the end Goal:** the end goal is to improve and prolong human life while providing adequate services and resource opportunities to the homeless population. While investing and enhancing one's knowledge, education, safety, and overall growth in one's community and home. There are way too many people that are homeless right now, as you even read this email, some because of their own choice, but mostly because of circumstances that they could not control, such as inflation, and the housing crisis, many New Yorkers can not afford housing because of poor government spending, reckless policies, lack of housing services and the choice of having to choose between essentials things such as gas, rent, food and or daycare.

Well working at the VA and at other organizations, I've seen so many of our veterans and civilians suffer financially, emotionally, and even physically because they're forced to go back to work when they shouldn't be because of health reasons or other relative factors. My goal tonight is to obtain The Board Of Supervisors Support and avocation to the state of New York, in hopes the state and federal governments will increase their financial and developmental support in all 62 counties. I have not come here to ask for money but to ask for your help in aiding me to hold our state and the federal government accountable, in participating in providing our county's residents the chance to receive the help they need. My goal is to establish at least one shelter in each county that provides supportive referral services to their community, government, and faith agencies. The New York State Department Of Housing Services goal and mission is to be the center hub for the new housing shelter services throughout the 62 counties, while creating supportive funding and contract opportunities for established Shelters, agencies, and DHS programs across the State. Change starts with the ones who care and have the power to do something to change the outcome for the better. That is you as officials, that's me as someone who brings ideas and is eager for change.

The state will not allow this idea to move forward unless it has the support of the County Board Of Supervisors. Change is not easy but together we can make the first step in the right direction.

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## **New York/County Department Of Housing Services**

### **Resources:**

- <https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/state-of-the-homeless-2022/>
- <https://www.safehorizon.org/get-informed/homeless-youth-statistics-facts/#statistics-and-facts/>
- [https://www.justice.gov/ust/eo/bapcpa/20220401/bci\\_data/median\\_income\\_table.htm](https://www.justice.gov/ust/eo/bapcpa/20220401/bci_data/median_income_table.htm)
- <https://www.point2homes.com/US/Neighborhood/NY/Ontario-County-Demographics.html>
- [Ontario County Housing Authority | Benefits Explorer](#)
- [Ontario-SSP.pdf \(empirejustice.org\)](#)
- [Ontario County, NY Homeless Shelters \(shelterlistings.org\)](#)

**Picture it:** A family of 4, a young couple. Married for 5 years, come to Ontario county, they decide Canandaigua and or Geneva are places to consider to move with their 2 children. Upon arriving, they are pulled in by the upbeat and family-like structure throughout Canandaigua and Geneva. However when looking at rental housing options they quickly realize that they can not afford to maintain the high housing prices and or seem to find housing availability, due to the lack of housing affordability and development, throughout Canandaigua and Geneva. This causes them to consider looking in another state or different county that may provide these basic necessities that one should be entitled to.

**Picture it:** A single parent, with 2 kids, lives in Canandaigua. She's about to become homeless, because she owes \$800 in back rent. She receives \$1,200.00 in Social Security benefits. The average rent in Canandaigua is \$1,464.00. She has no family, relatives and or friends that will help. Ontario County Social Services tells her, we are unable to help you in, because she doesn't meet the standards to SSD Rental assistance policies, due to not receiving enough income, she is further told that Ontario county has no shelters while having no motels availability. Furthermore, she isn't able to show proof that she can afford housing on her own. Community outreach programs like salvation army and catholic charities, cant provide rental assistance, or security deposit financial aid, due to running out of money.

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**Picture It:** NYC, has an overflow of immigration and asylum seekers that are in need of housing. Many of which have been looking outside of New York City, Due to the overpopulation. This has caused major concerns with other surrounding counties, as they do not have the resources and or services to equip and support any newcomers from New York city, let alone their own residents, forcing them to declare state of emergencies. The time is now, to start making these housing basic accommodation and development modifications changes. Our residents are entitled to have their basic needs met. While also ensuring that future potential Ontario County residences have affordable and sustainable housing resources and options available to them.

I ask you all to consider the comprehensive housing proposal's I have submitted to you, while seeking to ask the state for a resolution in addressing this humanitarian crisis. It won't matter how many new personal and or community development projects are established if we can not provide basic human needs, this is, and will be a huge turn off for potential and already established residences, causing them to leave, while looking for more affordable and sustainable housing options, resources and opportunities.

I will continue to build established and collaborative relationships with local, County, State and federal resources and officials, to work towards creating a positive, effective and timely result. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, for concerns. Please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
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Day: Thursday evening

Good evening, everyone.

I want to start by saying thank you, for allowing me to speak briefly to you tonight in person. For those who haven't met me and or don't remember who I am. My name is Jacob Welch, I'm an Ontario County resident and live here in the city of Canandaigua NY.

I come before you tonight to gain your support and request a resolution to a big problem, while urgently expressing the extreme need for the additional establishment of low-income and homeless housing services here in Canandaigua and throughout Ontario County while addressing realistic eligibility expectations and, regulations on a State and county level for already established HUD and, other rental assistance programs for low-income and or homeless populations as explained in the data packet.

If I could direct your attention to page three in the data packet, I sent you all, via email. We can see that big cities and counties across the State are trying to address the rising Humanitarian crises of homelessness, with little support from State and federal agencies. The level of intensified population of homeless and or low-income people is currently happening because of a lack of rise in pay, funding in program Supportive services, and open availability for housing establishment services to the ratio of people needing these types of services and quickly rising inflation to essential services such as food, gas, merchandise. and other community individual and family services.

we can further see based on the state vs city report card that the State Of NY, is not participating nor having open public discussions in creating the additional services and or advocating to the federal government on behalf of State and County DHS, DSS and newly proposed Agencies for financial supportive aid to combat the rising need of Human, community, supportive, low-income housing, and Homeless shelter Services.

Ontario county has 205 known cases since 2019 of residents unsheltered and or who are homeless. By, establishing a homeless shelter in each county as proposed to you tonight through the New York State Department of Housing Services proposal, we can not only get people off the street in environments that can kill and or jeopardize one's safety, well-being and or health due to weather but can also reduce the level of crime casualties And poverty, while addressing the need for housing supportive services, educational growth opportunities, economic steady growth and increasing stability to access to resources for one's life, community and government.

I know that some would argue that establishing a new shelter in all 62 counties, and an NYS Department would not be financially wise while having the headache of figuring out where to place a homeless shelter in a populated community, the fact is that could be further from the truth. I would strongly oppose that argumentative statement. Investing in individuals through the New York State Department of Housing services and the 24 hours around the clock

residential shelter program, allows the county departments such as the Department of Social Services and the Department of Human Services Financial relief. Because the State shelters would use state, federal, grant, and community supportive Services while obtaining payment for some services through Medicaid, Medicare, and the New York State Department of Housing services when receiving payment for some variety of services. When enrolling individuals that are low-income and or homeless, within the 24 hours around clock residential shelter program. DSS and DOH, as well as other local and county human service government and community agencies, can save money within their departments and can effectively provide services and resources, while having the additional funding availability to work with their clients while providing flexibility to resources they may need

Basic Math Overview in Saving Big:

20 people per shelter Times (62) shelters = 1,240 clients that the Department of Housing can assist local and County DSS and DHS departments, by taking the homeless and low-income families populations cases under the state department and resources, which will save the county money

Based on already established Shelters throughout the State of NY, the NYS Department of Housing, can aid in funding, contracting, and additional supportive services, which again saves the county and local governments time, money, and resources.

For consumers that are still in their homes but need additional resources and or services in keeping their residents, NYS Department can provide services in Transportation, referral avocation services and other community support services, Job-related services, and workforce development that can assist families in maintaining their homes without the fear of losing their residents. This Program can help local and county governments in saving their money and resources.

By being proactive, paying attention, listening, and acting we can create something that benefits everyone while saving money and investing in our residents, future, community, and government. When we do this, we are acting out that we care and that we are willing to do something about it, not just talk about how we can make a difference. I've seen over my time in human services, people talking, thinking but never acting out what they're thinking and talking about, which could have made a positive difference but, consequentially caused a higher level of services, funding, and longer time or recovery in one's life, feature, and community.

My goal is to improve the quality of one's life, community, and government experience, while finding ways to be proactive, and enhance one's safety, education, growth, and services. By creating this department, I feel if we can collaboratively work together as a community, we can successfully obtain and achieve this goal while working daily to increase our

expectations in the roles we play in improving, creating, and investing in families across our communities, state, and country.

Before this proposal can reach Jeff Gallahan's office and or be considered by any other NYS legislation, representative, or State official, this proposal needs a Vote and request for a resolution from the Ontario County Board of Supervisors. Each County Board of supervisors must decide the following for a request for resolution from the State and or federal legislation government. once a passing vote has been made from all board members

1. Are services within the proposal that is being represented to the board members needed?
2. Does the county that the proposal is being presented in, have the effective and adequate services, and or funding to adequately address the proposal's concerns, ideas, and or suggestions?
3. Does, the county residents have interjections to the proposal, and if so, are they significant enough to halt the voting and or resolution process, while investigating the concerns of the county residents?
4. Can a compromise be made if the investigation has dictated that the voice of the county residents has overturned the county board member views, vote, and or resolution of the proposal process, if so, what compromise was made, and is the compromise something the State and or county can adjust to while moving forward with the proposal.
5. Does the proposal in which the county is being presented, effectively increase the value of the community, county, and residents? If so, (How and in what way)
6. Does the proposal impose safety, long-lasting environmental, zoning, business development, and or property concerns to a resident, community, Local, County, State, and or federal government and or agency? If so, what are they, and can they be rectified promptly
7. Overall, does the proposal create an opportunity to increase the success rate of ones living experiences when utilizing the services, that can be Offred and does the proposal have to outlast economic steady growth, while decreasing crime, poverty, and other forms of community issues within the county and community that the proposal is being presented in.
8. If a resolution is created and passed into the State Legislation process, Can the State of New York and or the federal government provide yearly year around funding for the NYS

Department to provide funding and other aid to contract State, county, local, community, and the Homeless shelters under the New York State Department OF Housing Services?

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New York State representatives  
Ontario County Board Committee Members  
Ontario Board Of Supervisors

Date: 12/10/2022

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My name is Jacob Welch, I am an Ontario County resident and live in the small city of Canandaigua New York. I am writing this letter in hopes that after you have read the Data package I sent you all, along with the Ontario county 24-hour shelter for homeless populations proposal, and the proposal for a New York State Department of Housing Services. This department would take charge of providing, running, and contracting services, financial aid, and growth opportunities to already established Shelters, community not-for-profit agencies, and newly built Homeless shelters under the department, such as the one being proposed in Ontario County NY, before your committees, and the Board of Supervisors.

I am committed as I hope you all are, to make services that are accessible, manageable, and reliable for the public to utilize when needed. Unfortunately, some communities within New York State, have not been able to meet the accessible, manageable, and reliable expectations, which has made it very difficult for residents throughout NY, over the years, to obtain the services they need to be able to successfully reintegrate back into their communities. Acknowledging the problem and not just voicing our concerns, but when acting on them, is what will make the changes needed in the right direction for everyone.

So what's the problem, well when looking at the data packet I sent you all. The problem is quite clear, it's the lack of Low-Income housing establishments, Homeless shelter programs, and shelters 24-hour residential establishments, while not having enough increase in funding for not-for-profit, Local, and County Human and Social service departments and agencies, across the New York State communities. In addition to having unrealistic and poor policies regarding regulations for low-income populations, basic eligibility requirements for approval for one's low-income housing assistance.

So what can and should you as the state officials, and we as the residents and county officials, do to fix the problem we've just together acknowledged, I think responding to the resolution the County Board of supervisors has sent to the State is a great start, followed by requesting funding from the State and Federal Government, before the 2025 year for funding is up.

establish an NYS Department of housing services and the 24 hours shelter, to start addressing these concerns that have become humanitarian health issues. In addition to reconstructing realistic and goal-originated eligibility expectations for already established rental assistance programs such as HUD, HUD-VASH, and other forms of rental assistance. Not allowing Money, profit, feelings, titles, and political power to get in the way of the approval process is another great way to move things along promptly. While paying attention to details like Economic growth opportunities, decrease in crime casualties, poverty, and addiction rates. And the increase in stability, profit, and safety.

So why is something like this so hard to get passed? Well, let's be honest, money is always something that committees have to look at while deciding if this new department and programs within the department are going to be in the best interest of the State, residents, and other forms of businesses. The answer is Yes, I would argue by taking homeless populations off the streets, you are shielding them from being innocent victims of violent crime, therefore decreasing the crime rate.

By establishing homeless shelters within the Department of housing services, You are lowering the rate of community theft, you are decreasing the level of drug and alcohol abuse, because the homeless populations can have the option to be connected to drug and alcohol-related services while receiving other housing services in homeless shelters, you're increasing the overall safety, value and profit of each community, when taking the vulnerable and investing in them to become contributing members of society. Last but most importantly you are creating, investing, and increasing the economic growth in communities by creating jobs when establishing the department and its shelters throughout the communities in New York.

After reading this, I hope this better helps you as community leaders, residents, State and county committee leaders, board members, and state officials, in making the right decision. Which in my opinion is to approve the proposals presented before you. By doing this you have spoken through your actions which often speak louder than words. This is an opportunity to show the many people who are struggling, that you care about the people's needs, struggles, and hardships. While making the effort to improve the services, and lives of those who are struggling.

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