Subject:	"Pro Housing Community" Designation
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Dear Mayor

Please see the message below from NYCOM President Mayor Kathy Sheehan about becoming a Pro Housing Community.

Do not hesitate to follow up with me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Barbara Van Epps

Dear Fellow Mayors,

Thanks to so many of you who were able to join us at our Winter Legislative Meeting - it was great to see so many mayors together discussing what is important to our residents and our workforces.

One thing I want to highlight is our conversations around the "Pro-Housing Community" designation. As representatives from New York State mentioned during our meeting as well as the briefing with NYS Homes and Community Renewal several days ago, municipalities that are designated as a "Pro-Housing Community" will receive priority in their applications for key discretionary funding programs including the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), the NY Forward program, the Regional Council Capital Fund, capital projects from the Market New York program, the New York Main Street program, the Long Island Investment Fund (LIIF), the Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund, and the Public Transportation Modernization Enhancement Program (MEP).

The first step to becoming a "Pro-Housing Community" is to submit a letter of intent. I completed a letter today on behalf of the City of Albany and it took less than five minutes. Attached is a copy of the letter I submitted. I encourage you to do the same and send your letter of intent to prohousing@hcr.ny.gov and your regional representative today.

Should you have any questions, as always, please do not hesitate to reach out. And again: thank you for your continued partnership on behalf of New York's cities and villages.

Sincerely,

Kathy Sheehan

Mayor, City of Albany

President, New York Conference of Mayors