NYCHA LIGHTING AND SAFETY:
A FOLLOW-UP TO THE AKAI GURLEY SHOOTING
CITY COUNCIL HEARING
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A Sense of Scope

- NYCHA’s public housing population (400,000+) = Atlanta, Miami, or Minneapolis
- 178,000 apartments in 2,600 buildings throughout 334 developments
- 4,212 stairwells, about 38,000 corridors
- 255,000 interior lights (in lobbies, stairwells, hallways, etc.)
- 26,000 exterior lights (entrances, facades, roofs, etc.)
Pink Houses

- Built in 1959
- A campus of 22 eight-story buildings
- Over 3,600 people in 1,500 apartments
- 25 stairwells, 200 corridors, 3,400+ interior lights, 400+ exterior lights

2724 Linden Boulevard
- 163 people living in 63 apartments
Staffing Across NYCHA

2,700+ Caretakers and 1,000+ Maintenance Workers

- Caretakers remove trash, check and clean hallways/stairs, and maintain grounds
- Maintenance Workers assist with inspections and maintenance and make minor repairs
NYCHA Repairs

- About **9,000** repairs completed citywide each day

Lighting Repairs
- Average time to repair
  - 4.5 days for exterior lights (down from **40.9** days)
  - 8.9 days for interior lights (down from **62.3** days)
- **$1.4 million** spent on lighting supplies in 2014
Federal Government has reduced its funding of New York City public housing

$1.16 billion total loss in federal capital funding since 2001

NYCHA must seek innovative solutions for additional resources
Repair & Upgrades Progress

- Work orders down to about 100,000 from 423,000
- Completion of maintenance repairs down to 9.6 days from 150

Lighting Upgrades
- Engaged in exterior lighting improvement projects at 50 developments
- Funded in part by $35 million from the Mayor and City Council and Sandy recovery funds
- Benefitting over 100,000 residents at these sites
Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety

- **$210 million**
- 300+ residents participated in 14 listening sessions
- 49 CCTV installation projects to be completed this year (44 completed)
- 27,000 feet of sidewalk shedding removed
- 184 light towers
- 38,000+ visits to Kids in Motion classes at certain NYCHA developments
- Nearly 50 jobs created
- NYCHA Domestic Violence Response Team
- Department for the Aging staff to support grandparents/kinship caregivers

NYCHA working with NYPD to improve reporting of unsafe conditions