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Welcome to NextGeneration NYCHA!

I am excited to announce a new strategic initiative designed to preserve New York’s public housing for the next generation of New Yorkers. NextGeneration NYCHA will benefit NYCHA residents through sustainable development; reconnect NYCHA developments with their communities; and contribute rehabilitated, revitalized public housing to Mayor de Blasio’s affordable housing plan.

I believe strongly that NYCHA is far more than a collection of buildings or a particular development. We are the 635,000 people who live in our communities, every individual who uses one of our 400-plus community centers that are a focal point in almost every neighborhood in the City. *We are NYC.*

Since I was appointed as NYCHA Chair in March, I have visited dozens of NYCHA developments to talk with residents and staff. We are doing this not just to sustain public housing in New York City, but to make it better – not just to paint over the problems, but to create a new operating model: NextGeneration NYCHA.

Your input is helping us envision how NYCHA can best serve the coming generations. That means developing new strategies for making NYCHA a more efficient housing manager.

Our future requires that we become more financially stable and rehabilitate our properties. The ultimate goal of this comprehensive plan we’re calling “NextGeneration NYCHA” is to create safe, clean, and connected communities involving all of our 334 developments.

NextGeneration NYCHA needs you. We kicked off the initiative by meeting with more than 900 residents at Ingersoll, Mill Brook, and Van Dyke Houses. During three visioning workshops at each development, residents spoke up and described ideas for how their community can reach its full potential. Of six critical concerns that must be addressed, residents said that safety and security and affordable housing are the top two. Participants identified solutions to these issues and ways to achieve them. We drafted vision plans based on residents’ feedback that we presented at a round of follow-up meetings. These insights and ideas will inform and help shape a draft plan for NextGeneration NYCHA by year’s end that will be finalized and published this spring.

Of course, it takes an entire community to bring big ideas to life, and this is just the beginning of a ten-year effort to recreate New York City’s public housing as a sustainable, livable resource for the next generation of New Yorkers. All of our partners, including other City agencies, community-based organizations, the private sector and elected officials, must come together to help us realize this long-term vision of NextGeneration NYCHA. Residents have perhaps the most important role – you know best what works, and what doesn’t, in your communities. So please keep your voices heard.

Thank you for your partnership and your collaboration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shola Olatoye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shola" being more prominent than the last name "Olatoye".

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