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Family Homelessness Coalition Decries Mayor Adams' Veto of Crucial CityFHEPS Bills

New York – Today, Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, New Destiny Housing, and Enterprise Community Partners issued the following statement on behalf of the Family Homelessness Coalition:

"New York City is facing a severe housing crisis which requires bold policies and funding to mitigate the devastating effects of homelessness on families and children. Mayor Adams enacting veto power to reverse the CityFHEPS bills is a direct attack against the tens of thousands of families and children in shelters and the dedicated workers who support them.

With homelessness at a record high, we urge the City Council to override Mayor Adams' veto. The package of CityFHEPS bills will help families avoid shelter all together, leave shelter sooner when they come into care, and create more space within shelters to respond to the needs of migrants and others in urgent need of support.

But overriding the Mayor's veto isn't enough to solve the city's urgent homelessness crisis. Mayor Adams has also proposed budget cuts that will only serve to worsen the crisis and will result in unacceptable human and fiscal costs. A 2.5% reduction in funding for city-wide agency staff and non-profit homeless services contracts will block access to the very supports needed to prevent entrance into shelter and to expedite access to permanent housing from shelter. These cuts must be rejected and furthermore a multiyear COLA for the human service workforce must be achieved."

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This statement is from the [Citizens' Committee for Children of New York](#), [Enterprise Community Partners](#) and [New Destiny Housing](#) on behalf of the Family Homelessness Coalition.

ABOUT

[The Family Homelessness Coalition \(FHC\)](#) is composed of 20 organizations representing service and housing providers and children's advocacy organizations. FHC is united by the goal

of launching a coordinated, collaborative, multi-agency effort focused on preventing family homelessness, improving the well-being of children and families in shelters, and supporting the long-term stability of families with children who leave shelters.