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[Supportive Housing Network of New York](#) (the Network) released the following statement in response to the Adams administration's announcement of significant progress in developing supportive housing and combatting homelessness:

Today's historic announcement of a record number of supportive housing units developed and preserved in a single year reaffirms New York's leadership in the effort to end chronic homelessness.

For over 40 years, New York has pioneered the model of combining affordable, quality housing with voluntary services. We applaud the City's ongoing commitment to the most effective means of helping our most vulnerable neighbors live with dignity.

This year alone, the City created a record 1,500 new homes and preserved an additional 649. The administration clearly understands that the only way to truly end chronic homelessness is by creating and preserving more supportive housing.

This is incredible progress and an important step in the right direction, but we are still far from meeting the ever-growing need as our city continues to combat crises on multiple fronts – from housing affordability to mental health to increasingly deadly opioids.

It's more important than ever that we maximize our limited resources to ensure we are developing the kind of housing, and providing the kind of services, that vulnerable New Yorkers require to succeed.

At this point, the allocation of congregate units under the original NYC 15/15 is almost complete, while less than 20 percent of planned scattered site units are operational. The Network stands ready to work with the administration on a reallocation plan to create additional congregate units under NYC 15/15 and to preserve our essential existing stock to maintain – and surpass – this year's remarkable achievements.