



The [Supportive Housing Network of New York](#) (the Network) released the following statement in response to Mayor Eric Adams' fourth State of the City address, delivered at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, Manhattan, earlier today:

“While we appreciate the mayor’s ongoing commitment to improving affordability in the city with a focus on housing, the lack of mention in today’s speech about expanding and preserving in supportive housing – a critical tool in addressing chronic homelessness – is deeply disappointing.

“This is particularly alarming given the recent release of the 2024 Point in Time Count, which revealed a devastating 53 percent increase in homelessness across the five boroughs and made clear that Black New Yorkers continue to be disproportionately impacted by this trend.

“The Mayor’s proposed investment of \$650 million to expand support for New Yorkers living on the street and in the subway, struggling with mental health challenges, and at risk of entering the shelter system is welcome. But the City can do more to reverse this trend by creating additional supportive housing units and preserving those we already have.

“That can be done by revisiting the NYC 15/15 plan and reallocating unawarded funds away from the unsustainable scatter-site model and investing in creating and preserving more congregate units for which demand remains high.

“We absolutely cannot improve affordability and make the city more family-friendly – both laudable goals – if we fail to address the underlying issues that are driving homelessness up. This includes mental health services, substance use treatment, job training programs and more.

“In addition, it’s imperative that the mission-driven nonprofits that provide these essential services to our unhoused neighbors are paid on time and fairly.”

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