



February 16, 2024

Chair Dan Garodnick  
City Planning Commission  
120 Broadway  
New York, NY 10271

RE: Testimony to the City Planning Commission in Support of the Green Fast Track for Housing

Dear Chair Garodnick,

We are in a housing crisis. A crisis requires urgent yet sensible action to ensure proper responses and cures. The proposed Green Fast Track for Environmental Review proposed rule change does just that, bringing forth sensible adjustments to the review process to ensure needed quality housing can become available to New Yorkers faster.

The Association for a Better New York (ABNY), established in 1972, is a member-based civic organization with nearly 250 members, that is dedicated to the advancement and support of New York City's people, businesses, and communities. One of the simplest ways to move New York forward at this moment is to unlock more housing.

To actualize the mantra of "Get Stuff Built," the city must implement innovative solutions that reduce the barriers for new quality housing. Thanks to the Department of City Planning's thorough research of more than 1,000 past development sites, The Green Fast Track's changes provide a needed balance between reducing regulatory burdens while maintaining necessary opportunities for public review and participation.

In addition to speeding up the production of new housing in limited but appropriate instances, the proposed rule changes create additional benefit by incentivizing the development of sustainable housing and contributes to the development of a more resilient city in the face of climate change.

In conclusion, the Green Fast Track will significantly contribute to addressing the city's housing shortage through well-researched and environmentally sound rule changes that will continue to preserve public engagement and should be approved.

We look forward in continuing to work with the Commission, the NYC Department of City Planning, and the Adams administration to Get Stuff Built and move New York City forward.

Yours for a better New York,

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Chad Purkey  
Interim Executive Director