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## THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT REORGANIZES THE BUFFALO CITY HOUSING COURT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL.

## THE HOUSING COUNCIL AIMS TO ADDRESS BUFFALO'S HOUSING CHALLENGES BY ENSURING COMPREHENSIVE DATA REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

The Eighth Judicial District announces the Buffalo City Court Housing Advisory Council's reorganizing. The Council's purpose is to make recommendations to the Administrative Judge on matters related to the functioning of housing court, tenant-landlord disputes, and housing policy development. The Administrative Judge will appoint the Council's members, and as too will Buffalo's Mayor and a District City Official will appoint a single member.

The Council shall meet at least four times a year, but the Administrative Judge has discretion to increase that amount upon pending or urgent matters. The Council's meetings will result in the submission of periodic reports about discussions and findings relating to Buffalo's housing community. Further, the Council will submit annual reports about the Housing Court and its operations. These reports shall be reviewed by the Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, the State's Chief Administrative Judge, the Governor, Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and Assembly, the Eighth Judicial District's Administrative Judge, and Buffalo's Mayor. Reports will be comprehensive and include actionable recommendations for addressing Buffalo's housing challenges.

Council members will have the opportunity to propose, initiate, develop, and implement supportive policy that benefit Buffalo's housing community and residents. The Eighth Judicial District will assure that policy initiatives are discussed with the intent of reforming and improving housing within Buffalo's housing community, ensuring that all members contribute meaningfully to the Council's mission.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST BE PART OF THE BUFFALO COMMUNITY *AT LARGE* AND COMMITTED TO THE COUNCIL'S MISSION AND OBJECTIVES.

The Eighth Judicial District will ensure meaningful Council participation amongst its sixteen members. To become a member, one must meet the following criteria:

- **Residency:** Members must be residents of Erie County.
- **Age Requirement:** Members must be at least 18 years of age.
- **Current Affiliation:** Members must be of the following:
  - Part of the Real Estate Industry
  - Member of Tenant's Organizations
  - Member of Civic Groups
  - Bar Association Member
  - Four members of the *public at large*

Please submit your resume and letter of qualification and interest by March 31, 2025, to the Office of the District Executive, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202.