

#JulyHomelessRights: How to Get Involved

Homeless New Yorkers, led by directly impacted advocates Shams DaBaron and Maria Walles, have declared July Homeless Rights Month in NYC. Together with a broad coalition of advocacy groups, we are doing 30 days of actions throughout the month, including a march on Gracie Mansion on July 10.

The month of July was chosen as symbolic because the Mayor is aiming to clear out hotels where homeless New Yorkers were sheltering by the end of July, and this is a time of accelerated street sweeps as well. While The City reported that DHS has [only vaccinated 6,500 out of approximately 47,114 DHS clients](#), DHS will not be enforcing 6-foot spacing or upgrading ventilation systems in congregate shelters.

We're asking the Mayor to do three things:

1. Pause the transfers until there is a real safety plan in place, there is not an ongoing COVID threat, and every possible effort has been made to get people housing
2. Immediately discontinue street sweep activity, and instead offer single hotel rooms to individuals living unsheltered
3. Implement Intro 146 on an emergency basis, before any more transfers take place, and use the increased voucher amount to get people housing

How can I help?

Follow the #JulyHomelessRights hashtag and amplify any actions

Actions led by homeless New Yorkers and advocates are taking place every day this month. Follow the #JulyHomelessRights hashtag on social media to keep up with each day's actions, and amplify the actions by retweeting and sharing on Instagram and Facebook.

Plan an event to support homeless rights in your community, and tweet about it using the hashtag #JulyHomelessRights

Have an idea for an action that lifts up homeless rights in your community? Plan an event this month and share it on social media--make sure to use the #JulyHomelessRights hashtag!

Speak out to your elected officials

Tweet at @NYCMayor, call your reps, and use the hashtag #AskTheMayor on Fridays to tell the Mayor to pause the transfers, stop the sweeps, and implement Intro 146 now. For more information on how to find your elected officials and ideas for what to say, check out [this guide](#). Our [social media kit](#) can also be a useful resource and is being continuously updated with tweets, graphics, and more.

Update your profile picture with a #JulyHomelessRights banner

For Facebook, go to your profile pic, click edit, then click "Add Frame" and search for #JulyHomelessRights. For Twitter or Instagram, you can manually layer the banner design on top of your current profile picture and then save it as a new profile picture. If you're familiar with Canva, you can use [this template](#). You can also save the picture below and copy and paste it onto your existing profile picture, then save the edited photo as a new profile picture. If you're having trouble, Josh Dean of Human.nyc has generously offered to help--reply to [this tweet](#) to let Josh know you need help editing the banner onto your profile picture!

