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**NYC COUNCIL SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS, COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON, LIVEON NY
CALL ON ERIC ADAMS TO INVEST IN OLDER ADULT SERVICES**

NEW YORK, NY — On Wednesday, June 18, LiveOn NY, NYC City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, and Council Member Crystal Hudson held a citywide Day of Advocacy in support of the Age Strong NYC campaign. New Yorkers are the fastest-growing segment of adults experiencing homelessness, and Age Strong NYC is calling on Mayor Adams and the New York City Council to prioritize older adults in the 2025-2026 budget, given the severe and life-threatening cuts to Medicaid and social services posed by the federal government.

LiveOn NY and advocates across the city are calling on New York City to prioritize older adults in the FY26 budget by investing in home-delivered meals, case management, and increasing funding for older adult center infrastructure.



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“Older New Yorkers are being left behind by the federal government — and we cannot accept the possibility of New York City doing the same thing. Older adults make up 20% of NYC’s population — it is shameful that aging services make up less than half a percent of the City budget,” **said Allison Nickerson, Executive Director, LiveOn NY.** “The Mayor must do right by our City’s older adults and commit to funding access to food, affordable housing, and healthcare for our most vulnerable communities.”

“Too many of our older adults are going hungry, too many are feeling isolated from communities they helped to build, and far too many are unable to live the full and dignified lives we know are possible with adequate investment. Aging in place should not be a luxury or a privilege for a lucky few — it should be the reality for everyone. We need more investment for older adults. We need more investment for home-delivered meals, which can ensure that nobody goes hungry,” **said Adrienne Adams, NYC Council Speaker.**

“New York's older adult population is going to increase by 40% in the next 15 years, and our budget should reflect that increase. We need to make sure that our older adult centers are fully funded, we want to make sure that everybody who needs a meal delivered to home has one delivered every single day, and make sure that the services and resources that so many of our older adults rely on — including so many of the amazing organizations that are here today can be sustained,” **said Crystal Hudson, NYC Council Member and Chair of the Aging Committee.**

“I am here to speak up for the thousands of older adults like myself who need New York City to prioritize us in the fiscal year 2026 budget. Homecrest has truly become my second home — these programs keep me healthy, engaged, and most importantly connected,” **said Tony Lam, older adult participant from Homecrest Community Services.**

“I am proud to stand with India Home and LiveOn NY today. India Home's programs have been stellar in that they have achieved a great deal for the communities that they serve — but it is not enough. What we need is additional funding,” **Kum Kum Shah, older adult participant from India Home.**

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