

## URBAN POLICY LAB PROJECTS: CLIENTS AND ISSUES, 2016-2023

### Spring 2023

#### **Hunger Free America**

How can the SNAP Employment and Training program be improved so that it helps people obtain living wage, long-term employment?

#### **Jersey City City Council Member James Solomon**

Diversifying Jersey City's revenue sources beyond the property tax.

#### **New York State Department of Financial Services**

Improving financial inclusion: Strategies to incorporate rental payments into credit reporting

#### **New York State Deputy Secretary for Public Safety**

How can New York State meaningfully add to the employment opportunities available to incarcerated individuals to ensure their success post-release?

#### **Tri-Lox**

How can the city of New York prioritize tree salvage and wood re-use across public and private land rather than chipping and disposal?

#### **United Neighborhood Houses**

How can UNH and its settlement house members increase civic participation among young adults in New York?

### Spring 2022

#### **Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp**

Reducing the racial wealth gap by improving homeownership

#### **Hope Community, Inc.**

How can Hope Community and other nonprofit affordable housing providers meet the costs of complying with health & safety, and environmental mandates?

#### **Jersey City City Council Member James Solomon**

Updating the building code to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

#### **New Destiny Housing Corp.**

How can the rising cost of insurance for affordable housing best be mitigated?

#### **New York City Administration for Childrens' Services**

How should ACS help service providers show more cultural humility in their work with families?

#### **New York City Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene**

How should DHMH become more accessible for employees with disabilities?

#### **New York City Economic Development Corporation**

Strategies to diversify the talent pipeline for careers in the life sciences

**New York City Housing Authority**

How can NYCHA improve access to economic opportunities generated by the PACT program?

**New York Public Library**

How can the New York Public Library create a video game collection that promotes comprehensive video game literacy?

**New York State Deputy Secretary for Public Safety**

What housing programs and policies should NY state adopt to support the re-entry of justice-involved individuals

**United Neighborhood Houses**

Education and outreach options to encourage voting by newly enfranchised immigrants in New York City elections

**Spring 2021**

**Hunger Free America**

Increasing SNAP (food stamp) access for college students

**Ironbound Community Corporation**

Strategies to reduce solid waste generation

**Jersey City City Councilmember James Solomon**

Strategies to reduce political corruption in Jersey City

**NYC Administration for Childrens' Services**

Integrating client feedback into performance management

**NYC Department of Small Business Services**

Strategies to promote environmental resiliency among small businesses

**NYC Department of Homeless Services**

Incorporating client voice into program and procedure design

**NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice**

How can gun violence be reduced in New York City?

**NYC Employment and Training Coalition**

Increasing voter turnout among nonprofit human service organization staff

**Progressive Caucus**

NYC City Council Strategies to reduce "corporate capture" and elevate community voices in rezoning and other proposed land-use changes

**Transportation Alternatives**

Strategies to reduce automobile-based commuting in New York City

**Spring 2020**

**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**

Development Options for the Coney Island Rail Yards

**NYC Administration for Children's Services**

Strategies to promote economic mobility

**NYC Mayor's Office for Immigrant Affairs**

Best practices for translating terms related to sexual orientation and gender self-identification for top 10 languages spoken by New Yorkers with Limited English Proficiency

**Pool+**

Regulatory Options to Facilitate Construction of Pool in East River

**Safe Horizon, Inc.**

How to define goals and measure progress as an anti-racist organization

**Spring 2019**

**Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation**

Anchor Institutions and Community Development

**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**

Improving Transportation Options for Central Brooklyn

**Center for Court Innovation**

Strategies for Scaling Up the Project Reset Criminal Justice Diversion Program

**City Council Member Ritchie Torres**

Improving Election Technology and Management

**Nature Conservancy of New York State, Inc.**

Promoting Tree Protection, Tree Planting, and Long-Term Tree Stewardship on Private Property

**NYC Administration for Children's Services**

Increasing Parental Voice in Preventive Services

**NYC Department of Administrative Services**

Rethinking the Operations of NYC's Central Storehouse

**NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development**

Improving the Affordable Housing Application Experience for Transgender, Gender Non-Binary, and Gender Nonconforming New Yorkers

**NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence**

Integrating Survivors of Domestic and Gender-based Violence into the Coordinated Entry System for Housing Assistance

**NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs**

Improving Customer Services for immigrant Queries

**Partnerships for Parks**

Strengthening Relationships between Parks and Public Housing

**United Neighborhood Houses**

Rethinking Senior Centers

### Spring 2018

**Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development**

Supporting immigrant businesses

**Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation/Better Bike Share Coalition**

Improving bike infrastructure in central Brooklyn

**Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation**

Food services and workplace development

**Green Thumb**

Food production and community gardens

**Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice**

Legal services and domestic violence

**Nature Conservancy of New York State, Inc.**

Tree stewardship on private property

**New York City Administration for Children's Services**

Opioids and child welfare

**New York City Council Member Ritchie Torres**

Internet of Things, privacy and cyber security

**New York City Department of Education, Office of Community Schools**

Improving retention of community school directors

**New York City Department of Environmental Protection**

Reducing improper disposal of sanitary wipes

**New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development**

Improving housing voucher effectiveness

**New York Immigration Coalition**

Rethinking membership options

### Spring 2017

**Harlem Commonwealth Council (HCC)**

How should HCC adjust its economic development and entrepreneurship programs to best meet the needs of the rapidly changing communities it serves?

**Hostos Community College**

How can Hostos and other community colleges implement apprenticeship programs so that students can receive college credit?

**Hunger Free America**

Strategies to improve participation in the Summer Meals program.

**NYC Administration for Childrens Services**

How should New York City reduce the number of girls who are involved in the juvenile justice system?

**NYC City Council Member Ritchie Torres**

Strategies to increase economic and racial integration in New York City's public elementary schools.

**NYC Dept. of Corrections**

How to incentivize inmates at Rikers Island to participate in program services.

**NYC Dept. of Cultural Affairs**

Improving neighborhood access to arts and culture.

**NYC Dept. of Education**

Strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism in Community Schools

**NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection**

Outreach strategies to educate the public about DEP's Green Infrastructure incentives programs.

**NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene**

How can the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene maximize spending with Minority and Women owned Business Enterprises (MWBE)?

**NYC Economic Development Corporation**

Strategies to increase local procurement by anchor institutions.

**NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA)**

Strategies to improve waste management technology and practices so that public housing building caretakers spend less time collecting, transporting, and storing trash.

**NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice**

Options to Reform Bail Payment

**Spring 2016**

**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**

Transit Oriented Development in Brooklyn

**Center for New York City Affairs**

Renter Tax Credit for New York City

**Citizens Committee for New York City**

Grantee feedback

**Farm School**

Urban agriculture education

**Greyston Bakery**

Expansion of Open Hiring model to other employers in Southwest Yonkers as anti-poverty strategy

**High Achievement New York**

Opt-out prevention

**Hunger Free New York City**

Increasing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [food stamp] participation

**New York City Council**

Housing for the elderly

**NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection**

Improving the quality of NYC's waterways

**NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development**

Preventing tenant harassment.

**Safe Horizon, Inc.**

Financial literacy and job readiness training