

****MEDIA ADVISORY for Friday, March 15,
10:30 AM, rally on the steps of City Hall****

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**ADVOCATES WILL GATHER TO CALL ON NYC TO SAVE THE
NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM OBLIVION**

WHAT: On Friday, March 15, at 10:30 AM, advocates and elected officials will gather on the steps of City Hall to demand funding for the NYC Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), the sole agency tasked with protecting low-income New Yorkers from discrimination.

CCHR enforces the human rights of the most vulnerable New Yorkers, including housing voucher holders, undocumented migrants, LGBTQ+ New Yorkers, domestic workers, pregnant people, and other communities. However, the Commission experienced a catastrophic loss of funding and staff since the pandemic, leaving New Yorkers who have experienced discrimination with no viable avenue for justice. The Commission's Law Enforcement Bureau lost more than half its attorneys since the pandemic (33), leaving them with a skeletal crew of only 17 attorneys. Participants will urge the Mayor to increase funding at the Commission by at least \$3 million dollars to get the agency back to a minimum level of operation, which will be especially critical in this presidential election year if racists are emboldened by candidates.

Advocates will head to 250 Broadway after the press conference to testify at a Committee on Civil & Human Rights budget hearing, chaired by Councilmember Nantasha Williams of District 27.

WHO: New Yorkers impacted by source of income discrimination and other forms of discrimination, advocates, and elected officials. Advocacy participants will include members of the Human Rights Law Working Group, including Unlock NYC, Legal Aid Society, Legal Services NYC, Make the Road New York, Neighbors Together, and others.

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