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## L. Rickie Tulloch Releases Comprehensive Housing Plan

BROOKLYN, N.Y. - L. Rickie Tulloch, a Democrat running for City Council in the 45th District, has released a comprehensive plan to address the housing crisis that is impacting the community and the city. This plan comes on the heels of Tulloch rolling out his education platform last week.

"Housing affordability is a concern for all of us, and we need innovative solutions to keep our neighborhoods affordable and limit gentrification. As your next City Councilmember, I will work to prevent homelessness, keep our seniors in their homes, push for more affordable housing that truly matches the community's needs, and rezone our neighborhoods to preserve their character and affordability," **said Tulloch.**

### **Tulloch's housing plan is outlined below:**

- Increase funding for preventative services that help people on the brink of homelessness stay in their homes. In 2018, the City [spent over \\$245 million on homelessness prevention across multiple agencies, but spent over \\$1.4 billion on shelters](#). Tulloch believes that it is imperative that we help people stay in their homes by increasing funding for preventative services to \$600 million.
- Create a program similar to SCRIE that would freeze the assessed value of a senior's home, as long as they have lived there for 3 years. Rising taxes are a concern for all of us, but are especially daunting for seniors on a fixed income who have often spent their lives in our neighborhoods. By freezing the assessed value of a senior's home, their real estate taxes will not go up.
- Work to downzone residential areas and upzone commercial areas so that new mixed-use buildings include affordable housing that is based on the poverty level, not AMI. Tulloch believes that zoning must be used for the community's benefit, not the

developers'. Downzoning the residential areas will save the neighborhood's character and affordability. Upzoning the commercial areas will create opportunities to build affordable housing that is truly affordable for the community.

- Require any residential development projects that receive funding from the city to use poverty level, not AMI, to determine affordability. It is imperative that our affordable housing truly be affordable for the community that lives here, not based on a measure that includes Manhattan and Westchester County. Additionally, our city should not give funding to projects that don't serve the community.

"During my years on Community Board 17, preserving our neighbor's affordability was a constant concern and as I talk to neighbors on the campaign trail, everyone is worried about being able to afford to live here. I believe that my plan will make a difference for all of us," **said Tulloch.**

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