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**The Metropolitan Council of the New York State
Conference NAACP, supports Mandatory
Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality
and Affordability Reforms.**

(New York City, NY) – The Metropolitan Council of the New York State Conference of the NAACP released the following statement in support of Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability reforms.

**From Hazel N. Dukes, President of the NAACP New York State
Conference:**

"The NAACP fights for social and economic justice. For more than a century, that struggle has been bound up in the issue of housing. We fought segregation by our governments. We fought red-lining by the banks. And today, we're fighting displacement from a housing market that's changing the face of our communities. From Harlem to Bed-Stuy to Jamaica, New Yorkers of color, desperately need housing they can afford. That's true of minimum wage workers struggling to make ends meet, and it's true of once solidly middle class families seeing their economic security slip away. That is why the NAACP supports Mayor de Blasio's plan to make affordable housing mandatory in new development, and to make sure we're unlocking every opportunity to get more shovels in the ground on affordable housing for seniors and working families. This is a plan that will keep neighborhoods diverse and affordable. We urge the City Council to pass our mayor's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability reforms."

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The NAACP New York State Conference has been a vital programmatic component of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for 77 of the 107-year history of the oldest, most effective and most respected civil rights organization in the Nation. The New York State Conference has played a pivotal role in moving the agenda for freedom and equality forward.