



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Affordable Housing Issues and Advocacy

The recent NYC elections present a new opportunity for NYSFAH to **identify, train, and deploy** a diverse group of professionals representing affordable housing issues that come before **the New York City Council**.

NYSFAH is asking member companies to **nominate up to ten (10) employees** to participate in advocacy training. Once trained on timely affordable housing issues, these employees will partner with NYSFAH's staff to attend Councilmember meetings to discuss our shared priorities.

This professional development opportunity will consist of a **four-part training** and supplemental materials that will prepare participants to advocate for affordable housing.

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> | 12:00-1:00 p.m:**  
**Legislating in NYC:** Understanding the NYC Council, committees, and the legislative process  
(60 minutes, virtual) [REGISTER HERE](#)
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> | 12:00-1:00 p.m:**  
**NYC Budget Process:** From the Preliminary Budget to the “handshake,” what you need to know about the NYC budget  
(60 minutes, virtual) [REGISTER HERE](#)
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> | 12:00-1:00 p.m:**  
**NYC Affordable Housing Issues:** Key issues for affordable housing and how we message them  
(60 minutes, virtual) [REGISTER HERE](#)
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> | 12:00-1:00 p.m:**  
**Meet the Council:** Who is returning, who is new, and what you need to know when meeting with the NYC Council  
(60 minutes, virtual) [REGISTER HERE](#)

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Due to redistricting, all Council seats will be up for election in 2023 and so the 2022 Council is expected to move quickly to deliver on progressive campaign promises.

### Expected Incoming NYC Council Quick Facts:

- The council will be younger, more diverse, and more progressive;
- The incoming seated council will be one of the most inexperienced in history;
- The majority of the 51 council seats are likely to be held by women;
  - 26 of the 29 to be likely elected will be women of color
  - 18 women will be under the age of 40
  - The next Council Speaker is favored to be a female Latina