

# #RentReliefNowNY



Congress must act today to reverse more than a century of systemic racism in U.S. housing policy. With COVID-19 disproportionately impacting the economic stability of Black & Latinx renters, \$100B in rental assistance is needed to prevent eviction and displacement. **We call on Congress to act now to end our nation's history of housing injustice.**

## 1896 | Plessy V. Ferguson

Landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court that upheld racial segregation laws in America. ○

## 1910 | Racial Zoning Ordinances

Statutes adopted to keep African-Americans from living in predominately white areas. ○

## 1924 | Realtors Aid Discrimination

NAREB Code of Ethics requires realtors to discriminate or be fined or removed from local real estate boards. ○

## 1944 | VA Loans Exclude Most Blacks

Blacks blocked from access to low housing costs and generational wealth building benefits of the GI Bill. ○

## 1950-1960 | The Growth of Suburbia

Black and Latinx neighborhoods had been redlined and lost value, while segregated suburbs built housing wealth; entrenching a racial wealth and housing divide that remains today. ○

## 1968 | Fair Housing Act Passed

Landmark legislation to prohibit discrimination in housing that remained largely unenforced for decades. ○

## 1977 | Community Reinvestment Act

Enacted to drive investment in low-income communities but fails to reverse damage caused by redlining. ○

## 2010 | Foreclosure Crisis

Widespread foreclosures hit the black community the hardest, widening the already large wealth gap. ○

# 2020

## COVID-19 Renter Crisis

**1.2M renter households in NY suffered job loss<sup>1</sup>.** Rental assistance is needed to prevent widespread eviction and displacement.



Black and Latinx people are at least **4 times more likely to die** from COVID-19 than white people.<sup>2</sup>



In NYC, **89% of people sleeping in shelters** are Black or Latinx and are at increased risk of fatalities due to COVID-19.<sup>3</sup>



**51% of Black households** fell behind on rent as of late May/early June 2020.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://furmancenter.org/thestoop/entry/understanding-the-potential-magnitude-of-rent-shortfalls-in-new-york-state>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/racial-ethnic-minorities.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COVID19HomelessnessReportJune2020.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [www.cssny.org/news/entry/race-evictions-new-york-city](http://www.cssny.org/news/entry/race-evictions-new-york-city)