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Reasons Why You Should Get Involved in Your Local RAD Conversion

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225,000

public housing units nationwide will be permanently converted under RAD to project-based vouchers or project-based rental assistance.

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\$49 billion

and rising are needed to repair public housing properties nationwide.

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51%

of RAD conversions use Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to repair or tear down and rebuild the current property.

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21%

of public housing residents experience a disability that will need to be accommodated during and after the RAD conversion.

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1 out of 2

public housing tenants are people of color, who are protected by federal and state fair housing laws.

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64%

of public housing tenants are considered "extremely low-income," relying on affordable housing to live in their communities.

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10 years

If a tenant owes any debt to the housing authority at the time of the RAD conversion, that debt amount will remain on their record for up to 10 years.

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80%

of Rent Supplement and Rental Assistance Program affordable housing units in existence have already converted under RAD Component 2.

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24 CFR part 245

and other federal regulations will continue to allow tenants the right to organize and receive tenant participation funding after the RAD conversion.

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HUD claims that

71,000

jobs have been directly and indirectly created by RAD conversions.

While the concept of the RAD program to preserve affordable housing units is important, the implementation of each RAD conversion and subsequent property rehabilitation can vary significantly from community to community. We strongly encourage talking to your local housing authority to determine its RAD conversion plans and how it will comply with federal, state, and local laws.

For more information about the RAD program, please see <http://nhlp.org/RAD>. For questions about the *Don't Get RAD-dled* training series for tenant advocates, please email RAD@nhlp.org.