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## **Leading Advocate for Older New Yorkers Applauds Mayor de Blasio for his Commitment to Seniors**

### ***LiveOn NY (formerly CSCS) praises Mayor for making New York a better place to age***

NEW YORK, NY: February 3, 2015 — **LiveOn NY** (formerly known as [The Council of Senior Centers and Services](#), CSCS), today commended Mayor de Blasio for his commitment to older New Yorkers and for investments announced in today's State of the City address that will help make New York a better place to age.

**Igal Jellinek, Executive Director of LiveOn NY**, said "On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of older New Yorkers who struggle with issues of affordable housing, we applaud Mayor Bill de Blasio and his administration for taking a series of steps this past year to address this growing problem. By expanding SCRIE eligibility from a \$29,000 income level to \$50,000; dedicating 1,000 project-based Section 8 vouchers for the production of senior housing with services; and implementing the LINC IV program to assist adults in homeless shelters in paying their rent, the de Blasio administration has demonstrated a commitment to older New Yorkers not seen in years."

**Bobbie Sackman, LiveOn NY's Director of Public Policy**, added, "LiveOn NY applauds Mayor de Blasio's groundbreaking new affordable senior housing initiative that will preserve 10,000 apartments for older adults – New Yorkers who are the backbone of their communities. Investing \$400 million and providing Section 8 clearly shows the de Blasio administration's commitment to providing older New Yorkers with the resources and the opportunities they need to remain in their communities and age with confidence and vitality."

LiveOn NY is a membership organization that advocates for the rights of older adults in New York. LiveOn NY serves as an incubator, supporting the interests of senior centers, agencies and individuals by developing new ideas that take the form of advocacy, policy and program development on the city, state and federal level. Its programming helps older New Yorkers as they confront ageism, social isolation, the hardships of living on a fixed income, the need for quality and compassionate healthcare and other obstacles.

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**ABOUT LiveOn NY:** LiveOn NY, formerly the Council of Senior Centers and Services (CSCS), is a non-profit organization dedicated to making New York a better place to age. Founded in 1979, LiveOn NY is recognized as a leader in aging that connects resources, advocates for positive change, and builds, supports and fosters innovation. Our goal is to help all New Yorkers age with confidence, grace and vitality.