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Akerman's Nora Martins Explores Zoning Innovations and Housing Opportunities in NYC's Affordable Housing Blueprint

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In the *Law360* article “Akerman Partner Unpacks NYC’s Affordable Housing Blueprint,” Akerman land use and zoning partner [Nora Martins](#) discusses Mayor Zohran Mamdani’s “Block by Block” housing plan and its potential to advance affordable housing development across New York City. Nora highlights the plan’s comprehensive strategy to create 200,000 affordable housing units (and preserve 200,000 more) over the next decade through significant public investment, targeted zoning reforms, and expanded support for NYCHA initiatives. Drawing on her experience advising affordable housing developers, she notes the promise of tools such as “micro rezonings,” transit-oriented development, and NYCHA investment to help increase housing opportunities across the city. Nora also emphasizes the importance of the plan’s nearly \$5 billion commitment to affordable housing funding and its efforts to establish clear project prioritization criteria, which she says could help accelerate housing production and support the efficient delivery of new affordable housing for New Yorkers.

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