

~~(ii) -- TO RESTRICT THE CITY FROM EXERCISING ANY POWER GRANTED TO THE CITY BY OTHER PUBLIC GENERAL OR PUBLIC LOCAL LAW OR OTHERWISE, NOR~~

~~(iii) -- TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OR ITS OFFICERS TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY WHICH IS BEYOND THEIR POWER UNDER OTHER PUBLIC GENERAL LAW, PUBLIC LOCAL LAW, OR OTHERWISE.~~

Article 44A - Housing Authorities

2.

It is hereby declared, (a) that there exist in the State insanitary or unsafe dwelling accommodations and that persons of low income are forced to reside in such insanitary or unsafe accommodations; that within the State there is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations available at rents which persons of low income can afford and that such persons are forced to occupy overcrowded and congested dwelling accommodations; that the aforesaid condition [cause] CAUSES an increase in and spread of disease and crime and [constitute] CONSTITUTES a menace to health, safety, morals and welfare of the residents of the State and impair economic values; that these conditions necessitate excessive and disproportionate expenditures of public funds for crime prevention and punishment, public health and safety, fire and accident protection, and other public services and facilities; (b) that these slum areas cannot be cleared, nor can the shortage of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income be relieved, through the operation of private enterprise, and that the construction of housing projects for persons of low income (as herein defined) would therefore not be competitive with private enterprise; (c) that the clearance, replanning and reconstruction of the areas in which insanitary or unsafe housing conditions exist and the providing of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income are public uses and purposes for which public money may be spent and private property acquired; that it is in the public interest that work on such projects be commenced as soon as possible in order to relieve unemployment which now constitutes an emergency; (D) THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE TO SUPPLANT DISPLACE AND LIMIT FREE ECONOMIC COMPETITION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SAFE, SANITARY, AND DECENT HOUSING FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE; and the necessity in the public interest for the provisions hereinafter enacted, is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

8.

An authority shall constitute a public body corporate and politic, exercising public and essential governmental functions, and having all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this article, including the following powers in addition to others herein granted: