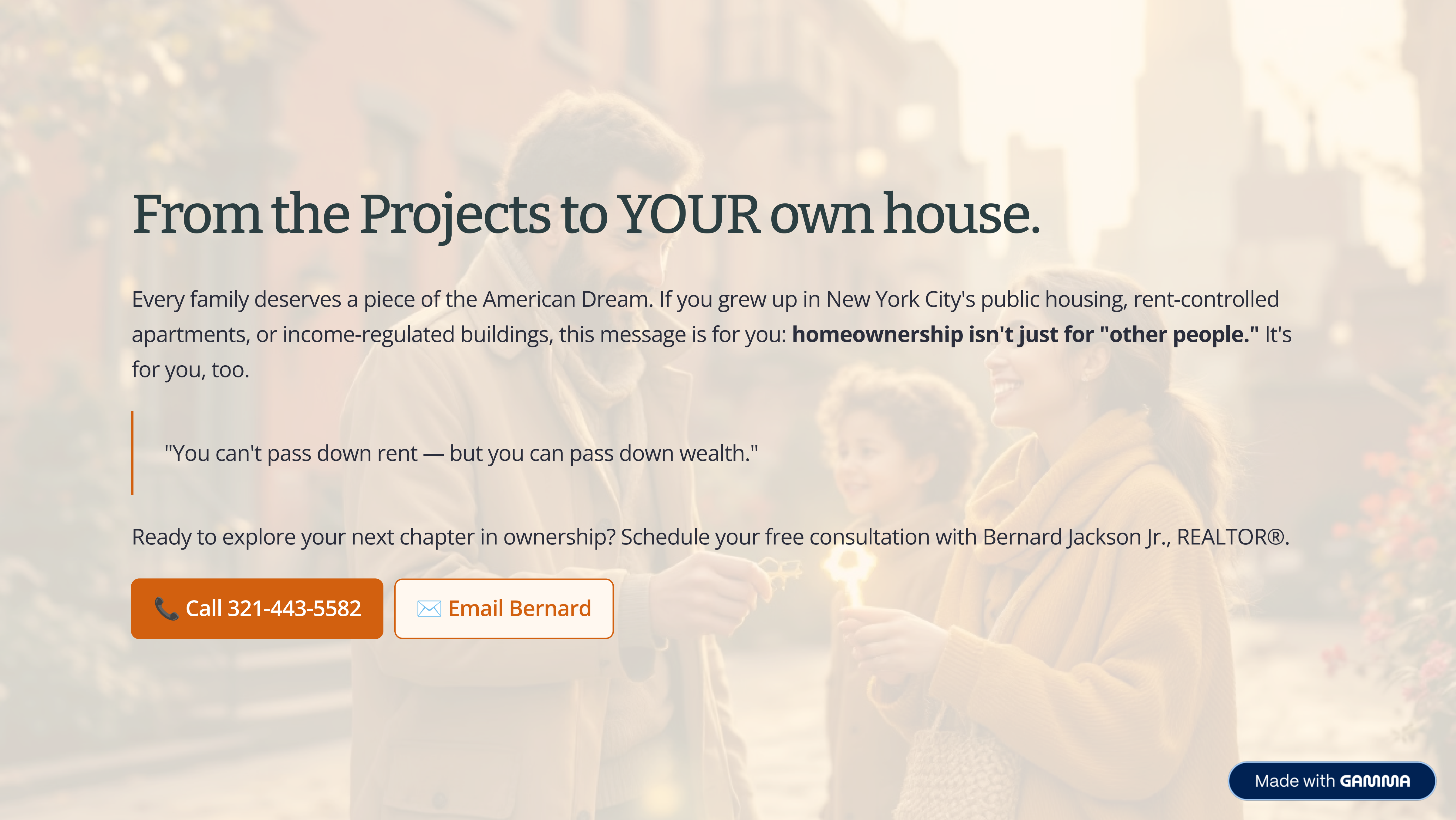

From the Projects to YOUR own house.

Every family deserves a piece of the American Dream. If you grew up in New York City's public housing, rent-controlled apartments, or income-regulated buildings, this message is for you: **homeownership isn't just for "other people."** It's for you, too.

> "You can't pass down rent — but you can pass down wealth."

Ready to explore your next chapter in ownership? Schedule your free consultation with Bernard Jackson Jr., REALTOR®.

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Life in the Projects — The Foundation of Grit

> "Our apartments were rent-controlled, our dreams were not."

Remember the broken elevators? The corner store breakfast sandwiches? Generations stacked in the same building, sharing stories on stoops while the city hummed around us?

Life in public housing taught us **survival, resilience, and community**. We learned to make something out of nothing, to hustle, to dream bigger than our ZIP code.

But here's what it didn't teach us: **ownership**.

We learned how to pay rent on time, how to navigate waiting lists, how to make a small space feel like home. Those skills matter. They're the foundation of what comes next.

The grit you built there? That's your superpower. Now it's time to use it to build something you can pass down.

Rent Control: Stability Without Ownership

What It Gives You

Affordable monthly payments, protection from market spikes, and a stable place to call home for years.

What It Doesn't

Equity. Asset growth. Tax deductions. Control over your space. A legacy to leave behind.

Rent control and income-regulated housing in NYC — governed by the Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) and Housing Stability & Tenant Protection Act (HSTPA) — provide crucial stability. They keep families housed and neighborhoods intact.

But here's the funny truth: *"You can paint the walls, but you'll never own them."*

After decades of on-time payments, you walk away with memories — not equity. Your landlord builds wealth. You build... more rent receipts.

Category	Rent-Controlled	Homeownership
Monthly Stability	✅	✅
Build Equity	❌	✅
Tax Deductions	❌	✅
Control & Customization	🚫	💪
Legacy	❌	👨‍👩‍👧

What Is Equity (and Why You Need Some!)

Let's talk about **equity** — the quiet money that grows while you're sleeping, cooking, or watching the Knicks lose by 2 again.

Equity is the difference between what your home is worth and what you owe on it. Every mortgage payment you make builds it. Every year your property appreciates adds to it. It's **your money**, sitting in your home, growing steadily.

$12K

Annual Equity Growth

A $400,000 home appreciating 3% per year adds $12,000 to your personal wealth — automatically.

$0

Renting Returns

After 15 years of rent payments? Zero equity. Zero return. Zero asset to pass down.

Equity isn't just a number. It's college tuition. It's retirement security. It's the down payment your kids won't have to scrape together. It's *generational wealth* — and it starts with one decision.

The Generational Myth — "Owning Is Not for Us"

> "Homeownership is for rich people. People with perfect credit. People who don't look like us."

We've all heard it. Maybe we've even said it. These beliefs get passed down like recipes and photo albums — **but they're not true**.

The Old Story

- Banks don't approve "people like us"
- You need a huge down payment
- Perfect credit is required
- Homeownership is too risky
- We're meant to rent forever

The Real Story

- Programs exist for first-time buyers
- Down payments can be as low as 3%
- Credit can be rebuilt and improved
- Renting forever is the real risk
- You deserve to build wealth, too

Here's the truth: You don't need perfect credit. You need a plan — and the right person guiding you. That's where Bernard comes in.

How Homeownership Actually Works

Think of the path to homeownership like the subway — it's a journey with clear stops, and you don't have to figure it out alone.

1 Budget

Review your finances and understand what you can afford. No judgment, just clarity.

2 Pre-Approval

Get pre-approved by a lender. This shows sellers you're serious and ready.

3 Agent

Partner with a trusted REALTOR® who understands your story and your goals.

4 House Hunt

Tour properties, compare options, and find the place that feels like home.

5 Closing

Sign the papers, get the keys, and step into ownership. Celebrate. Breathe. You did it.

> "Next stop: Homeownership. Doors open on the right when your paperwork's in order."

📅 Book a Call with Bernard

Breaking the Cycle Without Breaking the Bank

You've been paying rent on time for years — maybe decades. You've proven you can commit to monthly payments. You've shown up, even when it was hard.

So why not pay yourself instead of a landlord?

Start Small

You don't need a mansion. A modest home builds equity just as effectively.

Get Guidance

Work with someone who understands your background and believes in your potential.

Build Wealth

Every payment increases your equity. Every year adds value. It compounds over time.

> "If you can commit to paying rent on time for 15 years, you can commit to owning. The difference? Ownership pays you back."

Homeownership isn't about being rich. It's about being *ready* — and readiness starts with a single conversation. Schedule a free consultation to explore where you stand and what's possible.

No pressure. No judgment. Just honest guidance from someone who gets it.

Real Stories, Real Families

The Martinez Family

After 20 years in rent-controlled housing in the Bronx, they bought their first home in Yonkers. "We thought it was impossible. Bernard showed us it wasn't."

The Johnsons

A young couple from Harlem who started with "okay" credit and big dreams. Two years later, they're homeowners in New Rochelle.

Ms. Thompson

At 58, she thought she'd missed her chance. Now she owns a two-family home in Mount Vernon — and her daughter lives upstairs.

These families started where you are. They had doubts, questions, and fears. But they took the first step — and it changed everything.

Your story could be next.

Your Future Is Not Your ZIP Code

Growing up in the projects doesn't define your destination. It's where your story *began* — not where it ends.

Homeownership isn't about leaving where you're from. It's not about forgetting your roots or abandoning your community. It's about **building on the foundation** your family gave you.

Stability

A place that's truly yours, where you make the rules.

Equity

Wealth that grows quietly in the background, year after year.

Legacy

Something to pass down — not just memories, but assets.

> "Homeownership isn't about leaving where you're from. It's about building on it."

You've already proven you can handle responsibility. You've already shown up month after month, year after year. Now it's time to make those payments work *for you*.

Your Story Deserves an Address

Bernard Jackson Jr., REALTOR®

LPT Realty

Helping families turn their rental history into ownership stories.

Bernard understands where you're coming from because he's walked similar streets. He knows the doubts, the questions, the fears — and he knows how to turn them into action.

Whether you're just starting to think about homeownership or you're ready to take the next step, Bernard is here to guide you with honesty, expertise, and respect.

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Free, no-pressure conversation about your path to homeownership.

Your rental history is proof you're ready. Let's build your legacy together.

> *"Every renter has a story. Every homeowner has a legacy."*

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