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# **ONE NEW YORK: FIGHTING FOR FAIRNESS**

## **Statement of Principles**

**One New York: Fighting for Fairness** We come together as One New York: Fighting for Fairness, a broad-based coalition of New Yorkers demanding that our communities are prioritized and protected in this time of economic difficulty. Our elected leaders have embraced the needs of Wall Street, together we must ensure that the talk about taking care of Main Street is more than lip service. If we can prioritize a bail out for New York's financial industry, surely we can prioritize protecting the greatest needs of New York's communities. Now, more than ever, government must protect New Yorkers by not cutting AIDS services, child care, child welfare, education, health care, higher education, homeless housing, housing, immigrant services, income support, legal services, people with disabilities, senior services, youth services and other vital areas.

**City and State Government Must Not Balance Their Budgets on the Backs of the Neediest** At this time of economic difficulty, it is essential that government recognizes that the neediest among us will feel the pain of economic downturn the most sharply. No matter what we must protect our community safety net and make no budget cuts to services for those with the greatest needs. Budget reductions must not produce across the board cuts to all programs and services. Such a blunt approach does not reflect our values as New Yorkers and will produce serious harm by cutting programs that are essential to our safety net. It will also be necessary to increase investment in certain critical components of our community safety to protect people from the worst consequences of the economic downturn; such investments are prudent and cost effective as they will prevent much costlier emergency expenditures.

**We Cannot Cut Our Way Out of this Economic Downturn: City and State Must Fairly Address Our Revenue Needs.** While many of our elected officials are talking about shared sacrifice, we are calling on them to also call for shared commitment. New York City and New York State must address the serious and immediate need for additional revenues. We must ask government to deliver fair and equitable tax policies and revenue sources that call on all New Yorkers to contribute fairly. It is a matter of fairness to our taxpayers, urgency for our communities and necessity for effective functioning of government services.

**Budget Cuts Will Hurt the Economy; Investing in Our Communities Will Help.** As Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz pointed out in a letter to New York State leaders earlier this year, "It is economically preferable to raise taxes on those with high income than to cut state expenditures." Stiglitz points out that, "Budget cuts reduce the level of total spending." Budget cuts will be a drag on an already hurting economy. Investing in our community needs will provide economic stimulus to our economy.

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In these difficult fiscal times, we must stand together as One New York and fight for fairness in the City and State budgets. Government must invest in our communities as a way to protect the neediest New Yorkers and to stimulate our economy and government must make the fiscally prudent and fair choices necessary to raise the revenues our City and State need by asking those New Yorkers who have the most to contribute their fair share. **Please join this coalition today! Your voice is urgently needed. Sign on to add your organization's name to this coalition. Email to [smarksodinga@ageny.org](mailto:smarksodinga@ageny.org) or FAX it to Shana Marks-Odinga at 718-246-7939. For information call Shana Marks-Odinga at 718-222-1089 x 276.**

## One New York: Fighting for Fairness - (Coalition in Formation)

--List in Formation--

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Institute for Immigrant Concerns □ Commission on the Public's Health System □ Community Access □ Community Board 7, Manhattan □ Community Board 11, Manhattan □ Community Health Care Association of New York State □ Community Voices Heard □ Comunilife, Inc. □ Connect, Inc. □ Connecting to Advantages □ Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies □ Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City, Inc. □ Cypress Hills Child Care Corporation □ Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation □ Damayan Migrant Workers Association □ Day Care Council of New York, Inc. □ District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO □ District Council 37, Local 1549, AFSCME □ East Side House Settlement □ Economic Justice and Social Welfare Network □ Education Voters of New York □ Educational Alliance □ Empire Justice Center □ Empire State Economic Security Campaign □ Episcopal Social Services □ Erasmus Neighborhood Federation □ Family Justice □ Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies □ FECS □ Fiscal Policy Institute □ Fifth Avenue Committee □ Flanbwayan Haitian Literacy Project/Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees □ Freedom Community Center □ Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged, Inc. □ Gay Men's Health Crisis □ Goddard Riverside Community Center □ Good Jobs New York □ Grand Street Settlement House □ Gray Panthers, NYC Network Greater □ Chinatown Community Association □ Haitian Americans United for Progress □ Hamilton-Madison House □ HANAC, Inc. □ Harlem Independent Living Center □ Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc. □ Henry Street Settlement □ Highbridge Community Life Center □ Hispanic AIDS Forum, Inc. □ Hispanic Federation of New York State □ Hispanic Senior Action Counsel □ HIV Law Project, Inc. □ Homeless Services United □ Housing Works □ Hudson Guild □ Human Services Council □ Hunger Action Network of New York State □ Immigrant Social Services, Inc. □ Indonesia Sino-American Community Center □ Institute for Community Living □ Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly, Inc. □ Internationals Network for Public Schools □ Isabella Geriatric Center □ Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults □ Jewish Child Care Association □ Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults (JPAC) □ Korean American Family Service Center □ Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Inc. □ Korean Family Counseling and Research Center □ Legal Action Center □ Legal Aid Society □ Legal Information for Families Today □ Legal Services NYC □ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House □ Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, Inc. □ Local 372 New York City Board of Education Employees □ Long Island Progressive Coalition □ Lower East Side Family Union □ Make the Road New York □ Medicaid Matters □ Medicare Rights Center □ Melrose Senior Center □ Metro Justice □ Metro New York Health Care for All Campaign □ MFY Legal Services □ Midwood Development Corp. □ Mosholu Montefiore Community Center □ NAACP Metropolitan Council □ National Association of Social Workers, NYC Chapter □ National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS □ National Center for Schools and Communities at Fordham □ Neighborhood Family Services Coalition □ New Settlement Apartments □ New York AIDS Coalition □ New York Citizens' Committee on Aging, Inc. □ New York City Central Labor Council □ New York Childrens Action Network □ New York City Employment and Training Coalition □ New York Civic Participation Project/ 32BJ □ New York Coalition for Adult Literacy □ New York Counties Registered Nurses Association □ New York Immigrant Coalition □ New York State Coalition for School Based Health Center □ New York State NAACP □ New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness □ NY Jobs with Justice □ New York City AIDS Housing Network □ NYC Coalition for Educational Justice □ New York State Child Care Coordinating Council □ New York State Public Employees Federation, Region 10 □ New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness □ Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York □ One Stop Senior Services □ Palladia, Inc. □ Partnership For The Homeless □ Phipps Community Development Corporation □ Pratt Center for Community Development □ Professional Staff Congress - 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