

Legislative Advocacy Agenda for Local 1549 in 2021

STATE

1. No Medicaid cuts to Enhanced Safety Net Hospitals. Medicaid reimbursement rates should be increased to support safety Net Hospitals.
2. Target Indigent Care Pool and Disproportionate Share Hospital (ICP/DSH) funding to Essential Safety Net Hospitals (Gottfried A6677B/Rivera S5546A).
3. Restore \$2.2-2.8B cuts to Medicaid from Medicaid Redesign Team II (MRT II)
4. First Responder Status for 911 PCT/SPCTs. Legislation Bill # Senate S5154-Bailey and for Assembly A3782-DeStefano
5. Support New Deal for CUNY - which makes CUNY free for in state undergraduates, will hire more mental health counselors and academic advisors, increases the ratio of FT faculty to students/Professionalizes adjunct compensation and invests in capital renewal plan.
6. Support funding for Childcare Facilitated Enroll.
7. Support for Affordable Housing Legislation, support for Public Housing and extend the moratorium on evictions.
8. Pass the state Heroes Act legislation including increased financial rewards for First Responders and Essential workers.
9. Raise state revenues by supporting demands for increase taxes on the very rich and corporations. They should pay their fair share.

CITY

1. Support the city funding for hiring 400 Eligibility Specialists in HRA SNAP Program. 400 positions were lost over the past four years.
2. Support the Civilianization of the NYPD. NYPD says there are close to 400 such positions.
3. Stop the attrition of the Police Administrative Aides (PAA) in the NYPD.
4. Support increased staffing of 200 additional PCT/SPCT title employees of the NYPD.
5. End the city administration practice of replacing Civil Service positions with higher paid Non-Competitive titles. It is an attack on Civil Service and waste of city tax dollars.
6. Pass legislation that would increase the use of the city Interpreter Title

FEDERAL

1. Support the Legislation for First Responder status for 911 personnel.
2. Support the Biden Administration Stimulus Package including increases for SNAP, MEDICAID and INCREASE FUNDING FOR STATES AND CITIES.
3. Support the House of Representatives passed Heroes Act for Senate approval.

Take **ACTION** on Budget Issues **NOW!**

Support Stimulus Funding!

Avoid Layoffs! First Responders Pay Increase!

Contact the President: Phone 202-456-1111 or go on the internet to comment: www.whitehouse.gov/comment. Tell him we support his entire \$1.9 Trillion Stimulus Package!

Contact Our U.S. Senators

Demand Stimulus funding for the states, cities, public hospitals, SNAP, the Post Office and First Responder Pay for hospital, 911, HRA and 311 employees.

Contact Senators Schumer and Gillebrand by phoning 1-202-224-3121.

Contact Governor Cuomo and the Legislature

Passage of the Invest in New York Package (see page 7); Demand they raise taxes on the billionaires and corporations who don't pay their fair share so they can adequately fund Public Hospitals, the city and First Responder Pay for hospital, 911, Hospital clericals, OPA and 311 employees. 911 First Responder Status Legislation Bill # Senate S5154-Bailey and for Assembly A3782-DeStefano (Refer to the Legislative Agenda on the previous page for State).

Contact the Governor Cuomo: Email message to online to: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>; Phone at 518-474-8390. Leave a voice message; Fax at 518-474-3767.

Contact Senate Leader Stewart Cousins and your Senator by phoning: 518-455-2800. Contact Assembly Leader Heastie and your legislator by phoning: 518-455-4100.

Contact the Mayor and City Council

Demand: No Layoffs or Service Cuts ▪ **No demands for Employees to Pay More for their Benefits.** **Raise revenues by Civilianizing the NYPD and Stop Subverting Civil Service by replacing Civil Service Clerical Titles with Higher Paid Non-competitive titles that cost City Tax payers more** ▪ **Hire Civil Service Interpreters-create Decent Jobs for New Yorkers** ▪ **Increase Staffing of 911 and Eligibility Specialists in HRA** ▪ **Adequately Fund our Public Hospitals.**

Contact the Mayor: Email him by going on the website: nyc.gov/311/. Click on "office of the Mayor". Then click on "message the Mayor". Then go on "send online message" and click "send".

Contact the City Council Speaker Corey Johnson: phoning 1-212-788-7210 and/or emailing: speakerjohnson@council.nyc.gov

Contact your City Council Representative: Find and email your City Council Representative online: <https://council.nyc.gov/districts/> You can find their phone numbers there also. You can call the General Council Phone number at 212-788-7100 and ask for their legislative office number.