

REACH Newsletter Submission

A Word from VOCAL-NY

Despite early support by the New York Senate, then the New York Assembly, the legislature caved to Governor Cuomo's pressure, leaving these our key issues unaddressed. This budget provides no meaningful relief to the over 92,000 New Yorkers living in shelters or on the streets across the state, nor did it make critical investments to reverse record high overdose deaths. [Read our full statement on the devastating disappointments in this year's budget.](#)

WHAT'S NEXT:

We have and will continue to fight for all of us. We're transitioning to the State legislative session and demand the legislature finish it's unfinished business. We expect the New York State Senate and Assembly to leverage their veto-proof majorities to win progressive policies for every New Yorker that was left behind in this year's budget session -- primarily those struggling with homelessness and drug use. [Here's our legislative platform to learn about the policies we're fighting for.](#) Scroll down to the section headed "Ending Homelessness.

Get involved

As a partner organization of the Housing Justice 4 ALL Coalition, we invite you to contact Kim Smith, the Western NY Vocal Organizer, at kim@vocal-ny.org