For Planning Purposes: Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 9 a.m.
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Homeless New Yorkers, Community Groups and Advocates to Call on Gov. Cuomo to Keep Supportive Housing Promise

Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing to Hold Weekly Rallies Outside Governor’s Office Until Cuomo Makes Good on Commitment to Build 20,000 New Supportive Housing Units

New York, NY – Homeless New Yorkers, community groups and advocates from the Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing will converge in front of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s NYC office on Wednesday to demand he keep his promise to build 20,000 new supportive housing units.

Over 150 people are expected outside the Governor’s NYC office. The protestors will hear from those living in supportive housing, those who are homeless now and housing providers. The rally is part of a weekly series of rallies to keep up the pressure to release the $1.9 billion put in New York State’s budget for supportive and affordable housing.

Gov. Cuomo promised in his Jan. 13 budget address that the State would create 20,000 new supportive units, and the budget approved in April set aside $1.9 billion for supportive and affordable housing. However, those funds are subject to an as-yet-to-be-completed MOU between Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan. By the time the legislative session ended in June, the State leaders approved a last-minute deal to release only $150 million – leaving the rest of the funds sitting unused at a time when 80,000 New Yorkers are homeless statewide.

Supportive housing breaks the cycle of homelessness by pairing the stability of a permanent home with on-site services to support people with mental illness, addiction, HIV/AIDS, chronic illness, disability or other special needs. Research proves that supportive housing:

- Solves homelessness
- Improves neighborhoods
- Saves tax dollars

Event Details

What: Homeless New Yorkers from across the state will converge on Gov. Cuomo’s NYC office this week to demand he keep his promise to build 20,000 new supportive housing units.

Who: Homeless New Yorkers
      Campaign 4 NY/NY Members

When: Wednesday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. (Occurring Weekly)
Where: Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s NYC Office
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

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