For Planning Purposes: Wednesday, September 14, at 9 a.m.
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*** Rally and Press Conference on
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Homeless New Yorkers, Community Groups and Advocates to Call on Governor 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 Governor Andrew Cuomo’s NYC office on Wednesday to demand he keep his promise to build 20,000 new supportive housing units. 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.

Governor Cuomo promised in his January 13 budget address that the State would create 20,000 new supportive housing 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 the Governor, 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 statewide are homeless.

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 will converge on Governor Cuomo’s NYC office this week to demand he keep his promise to build 20,000 new supportive housing units.

Who: Homeless and Formerly-Homeless New Yorkers
Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing Members

When: Wednesday, September 14, 9 a.m. (Occurring Weekly)

Where: Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s NYC Office
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017

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