**For Planning Purposes:** Wednesday, September 28, at 9 a.m.

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**Homeless New Yorkers, Faith Leaders, Community Groups and Advocates to Call on Governor Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Heastie and Senate Majority Leader Flanagan to ‘Get It Done’ on Supportive Housing Promise**

*Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing to Hold Rally Outside Governor’s Office Until Elected Leaders Sign MOU to Build 20,000 New Supportive Housing Units*

New York, NY – Homeless New Yorkers, faith leaders, 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, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan come together to sign an MOU to release $1.9 billion put in New York State’s budget to realize the first phase of the governor’s commitment to 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 were unnecessarily subjected to an as-yet-to-be-completed MOU between the Governor, Speaker Heastie and Majority Leader 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. Governor Cuomo recently signed the MOU but the funds cannot be released until all three parties agree on a final MOU.

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 tomorrow to demand that Governor Cuomo, Speaker Heastie and Majority Leader Flanagan come together to sign the MOU so the Governor can keep his promise to build the first 6,000 units of the Governor’s 20,000 unit supportive housing commitment.

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

**When:** Wednesday, September 28, 9 a.m.

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