

# WJCNY's 2023 NYS LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET PRIORITIES

*for worker justice and immigrant rights*



Dignity for every worker.

## **Excluded No More**

Create the Unemployment Bridge Program, a permanent unemployment program for excluded workers, including freelance & self-employed workers, cash earners, undocumented workers, and individuals in re-entry.

## **Raise Up NY**

Increase the minimum wage to \$21.25 by 2026 for NYC & Westchester and by 2027 for Upstate New York, then index yearly increases to production rates and inflation.

## **Good Food NY**

Change New York's procurement law so that municipalities can participate in values-based purchasing and purchase food from employers who respect their workers' right to organize.

## **EmPIRE Worker Protection**

Expand the state's capacity to enforce our labor laws by creating a mechanism that allows workers and their organizations to step into the shoes of the Labor Commissioner to file claims for violations of the law.

## **Additional Worker Justice Proposals Endorsed by WJCNY**

Securing Wages Earned Against Theft (SWEAT) Bill, Employer Accountability Act, Nail Salon Minimum Standards Council Act, Worksite Temperature Regulation Act, Strengthening & Updating Paid Family and Medical Leave, Stop Violence in the Sex Trades Act, Fair Pay for Home Care, One Fair Wage, No Slavery in NY Act, Fairness and Opportunity for Incarcerated Workers, End Horseracing Subsidies, Invest in Our New York Platform

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## Freedom for all immigrants.

### **Welcoming New York**

Ensure that every asylum seeker who makes it to New York has the services, shelter, and care that they need by prioritizing: welcome centers, creating healthy communities, securing quality education, ensuring economic power and good jobs, and ending state support for deportation, detention, & incarceration.

### **Campaign for Access, Representation and Equity (CARE) for Immigrant Families**

Increase funding for immigration legal services and pass the Access to Representation Act to ensure a right to counsel for all immigrants facing deportation proceedings in New York State.

### **New York for All**

Prohibit state and local law enforcement and government entities from collaborating with immigration enforcement agencies, including ICE and Customs and Border Protection.

### **Coverage for All**

Ensure that all low-wage New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, have access to health insurance by creating a state-funded Essential Plan.

### **Additional Immigrant Rights Proposals Endorsed by WJCNY**

Dignity Not Detention Act, Expanding Language Access