

Safer New York Act - The following are CPR's current legislative priorities for the New York State legislature:

- **Pass the Police Statistics & Transparency (STAT) Act (A-Lentol/S1830 –Hoylman).**
This legislation would require police departments across the state to record & report demographic and geographic data on deaths that occur during law enforcement activity as well as enforcement of low-level offenses (including violations and misdemeanors) to improve transparency and help address aggressive and selective police enforcement disproportionately impacting people of color, youth, immigrant communities, LGBT people, women and people who are homeless. *(Endorsed in concept by President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.)*
- **Pass Special Prosecutor Legislation (A1601-Perry/S2574-Bailey) to codify and strengthen Executive Order 147**
Pass legislation that provides the Attorney General's office with jurisdiction in all cases of police killings and deaths in police custody, memorializing and strengthening EO147. The bill, if enacted, would help to ensure fair and thorough investigations and – when warranted – effective prosecutions in tragic incidents that the criminal justice system has historically failed to address.
- **End Police Secrecy - Repeal CRL Section 50-a (A2513-O'Donnell)**
NYS CRL 50-a is a state statute that carves out special and unnecessary exemptions for police, fire and corrections. NYS is arguably the worst in the nation in terms of hiding police misconduct and discipline. 50-a is routinely used to shield abusive officers and failed police disciplinary processes from public view. A repeal of 50-a would provide much needed transparency on police misconduct and discipline in New York State, and help address the systemic lack of accountability for officers who engage in misconduct. Other existing FOIL statutes will continue to protect individual officer privacy once 50-a is repealed. *(Recommended in May 2018 final report of court-appointed Facilitator of Floyd federal stop-and-frisk litigation.)*
- **Reduce unnecessary arrests for non-criminal offenses (A4053-Aubry/S2571-Bailey)**
Pass legislation that ends harmful and needless arrests for low-level, ticketable offenses. These arrests can carry significant social & public costs to taxpayers, and can jeopardize employment opportunities, immigration status, and access to health, housing, and other programs for those subjected to these unnecessary arrests. By making the law enforcement action commensurate with the offense, this legislation can help reduce financial resources spent on minor infractions, and increase resources available for meaningful safety measures for all New Yorkers.
- **End Marijuana Prohibition & Reinvest in Communities Most Harmed (A1617-Peoples-Stokes/S1527 –Krueger)**
Pass comprehensive legislation that will remove marijuana from consideration under the Controlled Substances Act, and will authorize the personal use and cultivation of marijuana. Marijuana prohibition has failed in its stated goal of stopping or curbing marijuana use across New York State. Instead, the enforcement of marijuana statutes has been used to target and criminalize communities of color. The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) will help address the discriminatory enforcement of marijuana prohibition statutes.

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Safer NY Act endorsers include (list in formation):

1199 SEIU-UHWE
Ali Forney Center
Alliance for Education Justice
Alliance for Quality Education
Arab American Association of New York
Arc of Justice
Audre Lorde Project
The Black Institute
Bronx Defenders
Bronx Freedom Fund
Brooklyn Anti-Gentrification Network
Brooklyn Defender Services
Brooklyn Movement Center
Brotherhood/SisterSol
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Popular Democracy
Citizen Action of New York
Clergy Campaign for Social & Economic Justice
Coalition for Educational Justice
Color of Change
Community Change
Damayan Migrant Workers Association
Defending Rights & Dissent
Drug Policy Alliance
DRUM- Desis Rising Up & Moving
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Equality for Flatbush
Faith In New York
FIERCE
Gathering for Justice/Justice League NYC
Girls for Gender Equity
Global Action Project
Harm Reduction Coalition
Hetrick-Martin Institute
Immigrant Defense Project
Jewish Voice for Peace - New York City
Jews for Racial & Economic Justice
Justice Committee
JustLeadershipUSA
Kairos Center for Rights, Religions, and Human Rights at
Union Theological Seminary
Katal Center for Health, Equity & Justice
LatinoJustice
Law@theMargins
Legal Action Center
Legal Aid Society
LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent
Make the Road New York
Malcolm X Grassroots Movement
Metropolitan Community Church of New York
Million Hoodies
MinKwon Center for Community Action
MomsRising
MPower Action
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund
NAACP New York State Conference
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Panhellenic Council of NYC, Inc
New Kings Democrats
New York City Anti-Violence Project
New York Civil Liberties Union
New York Communities for Change
New York Immigration Coalition
New York Metro Area Postal Union, APWU
New York Working Families
North Star Fund
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
NYC-Democratic Socialists of America
Picture The Homeless
Policing and Social Justice Project at Brooklyn College
Public Science Project
Rise Up Kingston
Rockaway Youth Task Force
Showing Up for Racial Justice - NYC
South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship & Training
(SAFEST)
St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction
Street Vendor Project, Urban Justice Center
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Take On Hate
Tarab NYC
Transgender Law Center
Transportation Alternatives
Trinity Lutheran Church
UAW Local 2325 - Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (AFL-
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War Resisters League
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