



Statement of Principles

We are a network of local elected officials across New York State united by our commitment to shared prosperity, equal justice under law, livable and sustainable communities, and good government that serves the public interest. Building a more just and equitable society requires an engaged citizens, strong institutions, and elected leaders who are dedicated to advancing the progressive movement. We commit ourselves to this work, in partnership with community leaders and progressive organizations around the state, because we share a belief that by organizing together we can build a more just and equitable society.

To advance our vision of a genuinely progressive New York, we dedicate ourselves to pursuing:

- An **economy** in which everyone who wants a good job can find one, where workers have dignity, respect and the ability to organize on the job, where everybody has access to decent housing, there is universal access to health care, and in which nobody lives in poverty;
- A broadly-shared commitment to **eliminating the effects of institutional racism**, with fair and accountable criminal justice and policing systems, a real pathway for the formerly incarcerated to employment, and a school system where disciplinary policies do not create a school-to-prison pipeline;
- A **school system** that gives all children an excellent education regardless of socioeconomic status or zip code;
- A commitment to supporting working families and **gender equality** through policies including universal childcare, universal paid family and sick leave, and truly equal pay;
- Full **civil rights for all New Yorkers** regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical disability. This includes a commitment to full LGBT equality, reproductive rights for women, and full inclusion for all residents regardless of immigration status;
- **Sustainable communities** that are leading the fight against climate change, and the creation of an economy that preserves and protects our environment, invests in infrastructure and creates good jobs;
- A **revitalized democracy** with fair and publicly-financed elections, universal voter registration, and good government that is ethical, transparent and accountable to the public.

Realizing this vision will require both pragmatism and a willingness to dream. To achieve it, we must unite with allies across our state. As leaders in our cities and towns and counties, we are committed to organizing ourselves and our constituents in pursuit of a more just and equitable society and an ever-more progressive and perfect New York.