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AIVF LEGISLATIVE ALERT:  
NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS BUDGET

On January 14, 1986, Governor Cuomo released his proposed budget for 1986-87, providing for a NYSCA budget of \$45,754,353. This represents a miniscule 1/4% increase in funding for the New York State Council on the Arts! Worse still, the allocation of funds for distribution to artists and art organizations (as opposed to administrative expenses) would actually decrease by about \$400,000 under Cuomo's proposal.

In sum, New York State is heading for an arts funding disaster, unless we all take immediate action. Here's what you can do:

Write to your local State Senators and Assemblymembers. Cuomo's proposed budget must be reviewed by the Legislature, which has the power to make its own recommendations. Your letters have a great impact on these politicians; if they hear from you, they will demand a meaningful increase in NYSCA's budget. Write a letter today; make the following points:

1. Identify yourself (as a producer, distributor, arts administrator, etc.) and strongly urge support for an increase in NYSCA's budget to \$58,000,000.
2. Describe the impact your work has on the State's cultural life and economy (ie, my films/tapes have been seen by over \_\_\_\_\_ people; our organization's budget is \$\_\_\_\_\_. etc.).
3. Describe the critical role NYSCA plays in your work, and the Council's importance to the media community, generally.
4. Council funding is often the first source of support for emerging media artists and organizations; its funding often enables us to raise other public and private funds.
5. Over the past eleven years, inflation has increased the cost of living by about 120%; during this same period, Council funding has increased only 20%!
6. During this period, applications to the Council have doubled, while NYSCA was recently forced to cut its own staff by 20%.
7. Without a significant increase in funding, NYSCA will be unable to maintain New York State's preeminence as an international cultural leader.

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Send this letter to your State Senator and Assemblymember. Address it to "Honorable \_\_\_\_\_," Legislative Office Bldg., Albany, NY 12247 (Senate) or 12248 (Assembly). Call the League of Women Voters if you don't know who your legislators are. Then send copies of this letter to the key legislators listed below, and to AIVF:

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409 Capitol  
Albany, NY 12248

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An asterisk designates a Senator whose term did not expire this year. A dagger designates a re-elected incumbent Senator.

Table listing members of the United States Senate by state, including names and party affiliations.

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The New House of Representatives

Write letters and postcards to all elected Democrats in your state & 5-state region!

Following is a list of the newly elected members of the House of Representatives. Asterisk denotes incumbent. Where two names are listed for a district, the result is in doubt.

Table listing members of the United States House of Representatives by state, including names and party affiliations.

U.S. Senate Senate Office Bldg Washington, D.C. 20510

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Plenary Session Speakers:

**Gail Shaffer**

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**David Axelrod**

N.Y.S. Commissioner of Health

### CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

12 Noon to 1:00 P.M. Registration  
Columbia University  
Ferris Booth Hall  
115th Street and Broadway

1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.  
Plenary Session

2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
Panel Discussions

4:30 P.M. Reception  
Wine & Cheese

STAFF &  
DAY CARE:  
Room 103

RECEPTION:  
Room 202  
\$3.00

### URBAN PLIGHT: NEW YORK CITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEXT DECADE

DAVID N. DINKINS, Borough President of Manhattan  
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MARTIN GALLEN, Former Vice Chairman, N.Y.C. Planning Commission  
I.D. ROBBINS, General Manager of the Nehemiah Plan Home

ROBERT T. HALL, President, 42nd Street Development Project, Inc.

Moderator: GENE A. NORMAN, Chairman, N.Y.C. Landmarks Preservation Commission

Room 212-214

### THE GREENING OF GOVERNMENT

NORMAN ADLER, Director, Political Action & Legislation, D.C. 37  
CAROL BELLAMY, Vice President, Morgan Stanley & Co.  
JACK NEWFIELD, Senior Editor, The Village Voice

Moderator: SUSAN SCHWARDT, Director Election Law-Government, League of Women Voters of N.Y.S.

Room 203-204

### THE HEALTH SYSTEM: WHO PAYS? WHO STAYS?

JEROME M. GOLDSMITH, Ed. D., Chairperson, N.Y.S. Hospital Review and Planning Council  
THOMAS Q. MORRIS, M.D., President, Presbyterian Hospital

JOANNE THOMPSON, Coordinator, Health Action Resource Center

ANTHONY L. WATSON, Vice President, Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York

Moderator: RALPH K. ANDREW, Health Planner

Wollman Auditorium

**Saturday, March 22, 1986**

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DEDICATION

This conference is dedicated to the memory of Congressman William F. Ryan, whose leadership focused the twelve annual West Side Community Conferences on the most challenging issues of our time.

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An Open Letter to OED  
From the Economic Family of New York City

We, the undersigned, are the economic family of New York City: Manufacturers, Professionals, Artists, Unions, Women-owned businesses, Ethnic-owned businesses, New Immigrant-owned businesses, and the service Industry.

We demand the resignation of the key officials of the Office of Economic Development (OED), Alair Townsend, Deputy Mayor, and Lawrence Kieves, Commissioner.

The reasons for the resignation are the following:

1. The OED has become an arm of the real estate industry!
2. The OED is no longer serving the majority of the economic family!
3. The OED has violated its obligation to fairly and impartially serve all of New York City's economic family sectors, so as to achieve an environment where each sector has stability and a future in our city!
4. The OED's bias towards the large real estate developer/investment banker sector has resulted in such a distortion of the market that the other sectors of the economic family are literally fighting for their survival!

With no legislative rent protection for the businesses in New York City, the OED has failed to respect the investments of the other members of the economic family as equally as the large real estate developer/investment banker members.

The consequences of not developing a rational plan for the balanced growth of New York City, alienating all members of the economic family, except the large real estate developers/investment bankers, and giving a free rein to such developers and bankers are: the rapid loss of New York City's historically strong and stable manufacturing base, sky-rocketing rents for businesses and artists, higher prices and loss of affordable services to the community, abuse of commercial tenants, erosion of the distinctive character of New York City neighborhoods, shutting the doors of opportunity for minority and women businesses, exploitation of the newer immigrant businesses that are working torturous hours only to be eventually forced out, and the destruction of an environment that fostered artistic creativity.

New York City has always attracted the best entrepreneurs. This can only be maintained if the rents and lease terms make economic sense.

If the OED is to fulfill its responsibility to the entire economic family of New York City, its makeup must reflect the entire business community, and not just the large real estate developer/investment banker orientation.