

CWA DISTRICT 1

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2023



1. Hospital Funding - FY24 Budget Item

Hospitals desperately need increased funding in order to protect our healthcare workers, keep hospitals open, and ensure the best quality of care for all New Yorkers. We must protect workers and prioritize patient care by improving job conditions for frontline healthcare workers and focusing on worker recruitment and retention.

What We're Fighting For

- \$1.3 Billion for financially distressed and safety net hospitals
- 10% Medicaid rate increase

2. Eliminating Fees for SUNY Graduate Student Workers - FY24 Budget Item

Graduate Student Workers are the backbone of the State University of New York System but are compensated with poverty wages. Despite the vital role they play in teaching and research, they are required to pay their employer fees in order to work, resulting in significant financial hardship for this workforce and threatening the viability and competitiveness of the program.

- What we're fighting for: Waive fees for SUNY grad student workers.

3. Raise Up New York Minimum Wage Bill - Sen. Ramos ([S1978](#))/ AM Joyner ([A2204](#)) - FY24 Budget Item

Despite increasing productivity, workers' wages have not kept up.

- What we're fighting for: Raise the minimum wage for almost 2.9 million workers to \$20 and index annual statewide increases to inflation and labor productivity.

4. New York Public Banking Act - Sen. Sanders ([S1754](#))/ AM Hunter ([A3352](#))

Public Banks are created by governments, owned by and accountable to the people, with the goal of serving the public - not Wall Street.

- What we're fighting for: Establish a regulatory framework for public banking