



# Building a **New** New York

Promises Made | Promises Kept

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

# Old New York: High Taxes

- Among the highest state taxes in the nation
- Sky high local property taxes

# Old New York

The People



Special Interests



Dysfunctional government worked for special interests and not the people

# Old New York

## Scandal after scandal

### State Senate leader facing lawsuit

■ Cuomo accuses Espada and 19 others of 'siphoning' \$14M from nonprofit.

### STATE POL GUILTY OF CHARITY SCAM



Corrupt state Sen. Vincent Leibell caught on video instructing an unidentified lawyer on how to lie to the feds about their kickback scam.

“You and I say there was never any cash relationship. Period.”  
“Since you and I are in agreement, it didn't happen . . . All I know is, as you and I are



### Twin tales of shame at the state

There may have been no connection between yesterday's Page One stories alleging that state Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada had siphoned \$14 million from a nonprofit, government-funded health care center for personal gain, while Patricia Snyder, a state senator, was doing much the same at the state Theatre Center. The stories were uncannily similar, but the stories were uncannily similar. If they're proven true, taxpayers should be outraged.

Both involved people exploiting positions of power to siphon large sums of mostly public money — \$14 million in Espada's case and slightly more than \$1 million in Snyder's — to pay for themselves.

# Old New York

NO SELF RESPECTING WOMAN  
SHOULD WISH OR WORK  
FOR THE SUCCESS OF A PARTY  
THAT IGNORES HER SEX"  
SUSAN B. ANTHONY 1872 AND 1894

LADIES WAIST  
& DRESSMAKERS  
UNION  
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UNITED HEBREW  
ALL

## Lost its once proud progressive tradition

Inaugural and State of the State

# Building a *New New York*

Transformational Plan

Performance & Integrity

# Agenda

- Balance Budget
- Enact Property Tax Cap
- Clean Up Albany
- Rebuild economy and create jobs
- Restore New York's legacy of progressive leadership

# Balanced the Budget

**Closed \$10 billion budget gap**

**No new taxes**

**Ends automatic increases in  
future spending**

**Introduces performance-based  
budgeting**

# Property Tax Cap

A map of the United States with the state of New York highlighted in red. The map is overlaid on a background of various text elements, including "TAX BILL", "ENT", "Stop Taxes", "through the roof", "RECLOSURE", "COM FOR SAL", and "\$2852". A large yellow arrow points upwards from the bottom left towards the map.

## *New York's local property taxes*

- Among highest in the nation – 15 of 17 highest taxed counties nationwide
- Increased 73% in the last decade

# Property Tax Cap



- 1970's: Talked about property tax cap
- 1980's: Passed in Massachusetts
- 1990's: Proposed in NY

**BUT nothing** was ever done...

# Property Tax Cap



Caps taxes for all local governments and school districts at 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less

Override of 60% of voters for schools & 60% of local legislative bodies for all other local governments to provide for local control.

# Property Tax Cap



**CAP**  
NY PROPERTY  
**TAXES**

**PASSED**

# Clean Up Albany

Years of scandals

Lack of disclosure

Unethical behavior

*People lost trust in their  
Government...*

# Clean Up Albany

## ***Tough New Ethics Law*** |

- Requires disclosure of Legislators' outside clients & income
- Establishes public database of individuals & firms representing clients before State entities
- Independent commission to monitor Executive & Legislature

Clean Up Albany

# Public Integrity Reform Act of 2011

**PASSED**

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# Rebuild economy and create jobs

## Old New York:

- High state & property taxes
- 2nd worst business climate in nation
- Dysfunctional government
- Losing jobs & people



Rebuild economy and create jobs

# Economic Empowerment

- **Public-Private Partnerships**
- **Regional**
- **Sustainable**
- **Higher Education Driven**

Rebuild economy and create jobs

**To compete in new,  
global economy**

**Higher Education must be a driver  
of economic development &  
academic achievement**

Rebuild economy and create jobs

# NY Empowerment Program

Regional Economic Development Grant Competition

NY Open for Business



NYSUNY2020

**PASSED**

A historical photograph of a women's suffrage rally. In the foreground, a large banner reads "NO SELF RESPECTING WOMAN SHOULD WISH OR WORK FOR THE SUCCESS OF A PARTY THAT IGNORES HER SEX" with the date "1894" at the bottom. To the left, a sign says "HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OPPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE". Other signs include "LADIES WAIST", "WE MOURN THE LOSS OF TRADES BY NEW YORK", and "LOCAL 25 WIMOURN OUR LOSS". The background shows a group of women in early 20th-century attire.

**Restore Legacy of Leadership**

**New York's history of progressive leadership...**

**Women's Rights Movement—Seneca Falls**

**The Environmental Movement—Storm King**

**Worker's Rights Movement—Triangle Fire**

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New York has lagged in  
providing equality...

Massachusetts

Connecticut

**Now New York...**

New Hampshire

District of Columbia

EQUAL \* JUSTICE \* UNDER \* LAW

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Justice for All  
MARRIAGE  
EQUALITY  
ACT

**PASSED**

EQUAL \* JUSTICE \* UNDER \* LAW

# Restore Legacy of Leadership

**Rent Regulation laws  
provide affordable housing to  
over 1 million New Yorkers**

APARTMENT  
FOR RENT

# Restore Legacy of Leadership

## Strongest Expansion of Rent Protection since 1974...

Increases decontrol threshold to \$2,500

Allows only one vacancy bonus per year

Provides safeguards to keep landlords from manipulating rents to remove units out of the rent regulation system

Ensures continued access to affordable housing

Restore Legacy of Leadership

# NY RENT REGULATION REFORM

**PASSED**

APARTMENT  
FOR RENT

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**Power NY** reestablishes state's power plant siting law with new environmental protections after **8 years of gridlock**

**NY Cleaner, Greener Communities Program** authorizes **\$100 million** in competitive grants

# Restore Legacy of Leadership

## Enhance Performance & Efficiency in Education

### Student Performance Grants

- \$250 million in competitive grants for districts demonstrating improved student performance

### Administrative Efficiency Grants

- \$250 million in competitive grants for districts demonstrating improved student performance

# Restore Legacy of Leadership

## Juvenile Justice & Prison Reform

- Closing empty & underperforming juvenile facilities saving \$62 million
- Increased community-based preventative services that provide better results for individuals and community.
- Saved \$72 million in planned reduction of 3,800 prison beds

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- Balance Budget**
- Enact Property Tax Cap**
- Clean Up Albany**
- Begin to rebuild economy and create jobs**
- Restore New York as progressive leader**

# People First

## Your Government Working for you...



## Thank You

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Moment of Opportunity

...New York

Leads the way again...

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**Six Months...**

*On the Road to a*



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