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Municipal IDs: CPD on Path to Victory

New York's Mayor de Blasio used his first State of the City address to announce plans for a new "City ID" program, making identification available to all city residents -- regardless of citizenship status, race, or economic means -- that will be accepted as proof of identity by key institutions throughout the city.

Municipal ID cards are an important step toward raising the quality of life for vulnerable and marginalized residents, including immigrants, and Mayor de Blasio's proposal will make a powerful difference for thousands of New Yorkers. Increasingly, identification requirements gate-keep almost every aspect of daily life – from opening a bank account to gaining hospital admission, from picking up a package at the post office to picking up your children at school.

The Center for Popular Democracy has been on the front lines of this initiative to improve quality of life for immigrants and other vulnerable populations. Our recent report, "Who We Are: Municipal ID Cards as a Local Strategy to Promote Belonging and Shared Community Identity," which surveys the results of similar programs in other municipalities, found that municipal ID

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programs can improve police-community relationships and increase access to social services for vulnerable residents.

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Save the Date! CPD's Annual Gala

We're excited to announce our Gala this year, the first since our merger to create a stronger Center for Popular Democracy. The Gala will take place**:**

Thursday, March 27, 2014
6:00-8:00 PM
Washington, DC

We're proud to be honoring:

Mary Kay Henry
President,
SEIU

And celebrating:

Tefere Gebre
Executive Vice President,
AFL-CIO

To purchase a ticket or for more information visit:
http://www.populardemocracy.org/gala.

Protecting Workers and Ending Wage Theft in New York State

CPD is working closely with Make the Road NY and other partners to combat wage theft.

In 2010, New York workers won a significant victory with the passage of the Wage Theft Prevention Act, which increased penalties and improved notice requirements to stop the scourge of stolen wages from low-wage workers. But the passage of the act was only half the fight.

Immigration Advocates Praise de Blasio's Proposal for Municipal ID Program
2.12.14, *NY1*

Immigration Advocates Applaud Mayor Bill de Blasio's ID Card Plan
2.11.14, *CBS New York*

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New York City's Undocumented Immigrants Will Get Municipal IDs, Says Mayor de Blasio
2.10.14, *Huffington Post*

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Local Progress, from Pittsburgh to Seattle

A new wave of progressive big-city elected officials has taken office in recent months and they are re-shaping the national dialogue. From Seattle to Pittsburgh and New York City to Minneapolis, mayors and city legislators are

The NY Department of Labor (NYDOL) currently lacks the resources to make a dent in the wage theft epidemic. In New York City alone, wage theft results in nearly $1 billion being taken out of the pockets of low-wage workers every year. Yet since the 1960's and 1970's, the number of NYDOL investigators per capita has plummeted.

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Home Defenders: Local Principal Reduction Helps Homeowners Fight Foreclosure

The Home Defenders League, a national coalition of underwater homeowners and community organizations housed at the Center for Popular Democracy, has announced its newest campaign: FightingForeclosures.org.

FightingForeclosures.org is a new "crowdfunding" hub, allowing underwater homeowners and their allies to invest directly in organizing Local Principal Reduction (LPR) campaigns in cities around the nation. The website raises funds to be spent on organizing for LPR programs and hosts videos that explain the program to neighborhood leaders and homeowners.

In a **Local Principal Reduction** program, the city works with private investors to acquire a set of the worst, hardest to fix underwater mortgages (called "Private Label Securities" or PLS) and refinances them to restore home equity. If banks refuse to cooperate, cities may use their legal authority of eminent domain to buy the bad mortgages at fair market value and then reset them to current value.

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Celebrating Our Partners

Organizing for Voting Rights in Delaware

pushing a reform agenda to combat inequality and expand inclusion.

Many of these elected officials are part of Local Progress, the municipal policy network founded in 2012 by CPD, SEIU, and the Public Leadership Institute. Local Progress is helping advance a progressive policy agenda in cities around the country by helping elected officials share their best practices, build solidarity across cities, and coordinate their work to elevate key issues into the national dialogue.

Seattle Mayor and Local Progress member Ed Murray is currently considering raising the minimum wage for all workers in the city to $15 per hour, a groundbreaking effort that could transform the national debate about inequality and good jobs.

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CPD Supports Universal Pre-K

The Center for Popular Democracy has joined an exciting new campaign to continue and deepen our investment in New York City's children. UPKNYC is the campaign to pass the city's plan to tax the wealthiest New Yorkers to fund universal pre-K for all four-year-olds and after-school programs for all middle school students.

Study after study has proven the efficacy of early childhood education and after-school programs. These programs increase

CPD and our partner organization the Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement (DACA), along with allies at Demos and Common Cause Delaware are leading the fight to bring Same Day Registration (SDR) to the Diamond State this year. 171,000 Delawareans missed the state's 24-day, pre-election voter registration deadline last November.

Research shows that SDR can increase participation by as much as 14% among young people. Same Day Registration is particularly useful for low-income voters and people that frequently move.

African Americans have also been found to take advantage of SDR at high proportions. In Delaware where Black voter turnout lagged behind the white vote by 6%, and the vote among 18-24 year olds was a whopping 24% lower than the state average, SDR could have a significant impact in closing these disparities.

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Hawaii Organizers Ensure Greater Access to Driver's Licenses

CPD's state partner in Hawaii, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), scored a major victory this month in persuading Governor Abercrombie and the Department of Transportation to offer drivers tests in additional languages.

Beginning March 17, all island DMVs will offer the written test in 12 additional languages besides English: Spanish, Tongan, Samoan, Japanese, Mandarin, Hawaiian, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Ilocano, Chuukese and Marshallese.

This is a huge victory for Hawaii's families who have faced hardships for years due to Hawaii's previous "English-Only" policy.

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cognition, boost scores, increase high school graduation rates, increase home ownership, reduce the probability of grade repetition, and produce other beneficial outcomes that put children on an upward educational path.

It is for these reasons that CPD and our partners have campaigned for early childhood education and after-school programs in NYC and other cities all over the country. We support the UPKNYC plan, and it's up to all of us to continue to build that groundswell. It won't be easy; but your energy, your hope, and your hard work will change New York City for years to come.

Learn more and join the campaign at http://upknyc.org.

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The Center for Popular Democracy promotes equity, opportunity, and a dynamic democracy in partnership with innovative base-building organizations, organizing networks and alliances, and progressive unions across the country. CPD builds the strength and capacity of democratic organizations to envision and advance a pro-worker, pro-immigrant, racial justice agenda.

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