

CNY Solidarity Coalition

Annual Report 2022

The Coalition remained active in 2022. Coalition meetings covered a wide range of topics from housing and tenants' Rights to sustainability, the county aquarium, and political issues including a Democratic candidate forum for the newly created 22nd congressional district and the Onondaga County Gerrymandering lawsuit.

Meeting History 2022

Date	Topic(s)	Presenter
1/9	Annual Meeting	
2/6	Invest in Our New York (IONY) efforts to increase transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in NY spending	IONY
2/20	Housing and Tenants' Rights in Syracuse	Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
3/6	Discussion about CNYSol's accomplishments and future. Where can we best direct our energy?	
3/20	Ithaca Sustainability Plan	Luis Aquirre-Torres, Ithaca's Director of Sustainability
4/10	Overview of the NY22 congressional District	Indivisible Onondaga County
4/24	County Aquarium NYS Climate Action Draft Scoping Plan Tenants' Rights- Good Cause Eviction Legislation IONY NOON (Neighbors of Onondaga Nation) and WISH NY re: Mayor's plan to remove the Columbus statue and replace it with a heritage site Rt 81, NYCLU update	Mary Kuhn Dick Kornbluth DSA Peter McCarthy Barry Gordon
5/15	CLCPA	Jan Metzger, New Yorkers for Clean Power
6/26	Stop the Aquarium	Mary Kuhn
7/24	NY22 Candidate Forum	
9/18	Onondaga County Gerrymandering Lawsuit Excluded No More Campaign	Dustin Czarny Jessica Maxwell (CNY Workers Center)
11/13	After the Election – What now?	Tom Keck Dustin Czarny

The Solidarity mailing list now stands at 2520 with 97 new enrollees in 2022

Thanks to the great work of Peter McCarthy, the CNY Solidarity Newsletter was published 49 of the 52 weeks of 2022. In numerous conversations with CNY Solidarity members and mailing list enrollees, the most common response has been that the newsletter provides a hugely valuable community service.

We had booths at the Westcott Street Fair and the Plowshares Craft Show.

During 2022, the CNY Solidarity Coalition promoted, and Coalition members attended, many community actions in support of issues of racial, economic and climate justice as well as opposition to war and in support of abortion rights.

A list follows:

Date	Action
1/13	Neighbors of Onondaga Nation vigil in support of of removal of the Columbus statue
3/6	No to Ware March and Rally: Global day of action for Peace
3/14	Replace Columbus Vigil and Rally against Judge Neri's decision
4/26	Coalition members spoke at the Climate Action Council public hearings on the draft scoping plan of the of the Community Leadership and Climate Protection Act (CLCPA)
5/3	Abortion rights rally
5/14	Abortion rights rally
5/19	Rally for an all-electric New York sponsored by AGREE
5/31	Rally for our kids – opposition to Aquarium and demand to spend the money of children and the community
6/11	Anti-gun March for Our Lives
6/16	Campaign in support of the New York Health Law
7/4	Protest against SCOTUS rally
7/5	Invest in Our Communities Rally: Opposition to the aquarium and support for Families for Lead Freedom Now
7/25	Invest in our Community Rally
8/9	SPC Commemoration of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
8/22	Oppose the Aquarium rally
9/17	Rally against lead in Rt 81 sponsored by NYCLU and Families for Lead Freedom Now
10/2	Syracuse Tenants and Housing Advocates protesting aquarium
10/8	Rise Up for Social Action Training Day – Aly Wane and Andy Mager
11/1	Reclaim Armistice Day Commemoration

CNY Solidarity Coalition members play active roles in community organizations

A partial list:

Brent Bleier: Syracuse Peace Council (SPC)

Chris Flynn: Art Rage; Onondaga Elders

Barry Gordon: NYCLU

Dick Kornbluth: Urban Jobs Task force; Greening USA

Peter McCarthy: Invest in Our New York (IONY); Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)

Mariana Perna: Families for Lead Freedom Now

Ron Van Norstrand: SPC

Financial Reports

Financial Report		
Year		2022
Starting balance		\$3,774.48
Donations Received		\$2,555.00
Donations made		-\$2,550.00
Balance		\$3,779.48
Expenses		
	PayPal fees	-\$70.48
	Checking account fees	-\$36.00
	Website fees	-\$183.87
	Other expenses	
	Zoom subscription	-\$149.90
	Brochure printing	-\$384.48
	Westcott Street Fair	-\$50.00
	Plowshares	-\$65.00
Total expenses		-\$939.73
Net fund balance		\$2,839.75

Solidarity Donations	2022
Total	\$2,550.00
Bishop Harrison	\$100.00
NAN	\$250.00
Rebirth	\$100.00
RiseUp	\$500.00
SPC	\$1,250.00
UJTF ¹	\$350.00
¹ Includes \$100 membership fee in 2022	

Committee Reports

Indivisible Onondaga County

Indivisible Onondaga County (IOC), previously NY24, advocates with federal, state & local legislators to promote progressive policies, including Democracy Reform, works with other progressive groups in allied struggles and supports progressive candidates in federal, state and local elections.

Electoral Activity

- Early in 2022, IOC met with a number of declared congressional candidates to learn about their campaigns (during the time of the 1st of two redrawn congressional maps for NY22).
- Leading up to the August primary (delayed from June because of 2nd redrawn map for NY22), IOC and other local Indivisible groups co-hosted a full series of congressional candidate forums.
- During the months leading up to the Nov election, IOC members actively engaged in supporting local Democratic candidates for Congress, NYS Senate and judgeships via door-knocking, phone and text banking. IOC members participated in weekly district-wide Knit NY22 meetings on canvassing efforts and co-hosted Onondaga County GOTV canvassing events that knocked on over a thousand doors.
- IOC members were also active in supporting progressive candidates for governor races and US Senate and House races across the country via phone and text banking and postcard campaigns.
- IOC presented to CNY Solidarity Coalition on redistricting and on the results of the election.
- IOC submitted a series of election-related articles to the CNYSC weekly newsletter.

Other Actions

IOC participated in and/or co-hosted a number of local actions in 2020, including:

- Jan 6 Vigil for Democracy
- June 11 March for Our Lives
- June 24 rally in defense of Abortion Rights
- Oct 21 Our Freedom, Our Vote rally
- Members participated in statewide Indivisible NY meetings and national Indivisible meetings and conferences and, with the Knit NY22 group, helped plan for a district wide progressive summit in Feb 2023.

State and Local Action Team (SLAT)

SLAT works with local and statewide organizations to advance legislation, policies and practices that benefit our local community. We have collaborated with many of the organization mentioned here in legislative campaigns, town halls, rallies, and marches.

Invest In Our New York:

Working with a state-wide campaign, we advocated for new taxes from the wealthiest New Yorkers to support programs including public education, climate justice, eviction relief, and small business support.

Remediation of Lead Poisoning: Working with Families for Lead Freedom Now, Legal Services of CNY and Syracuse DSA, we advocated for more testing for families and improved code enforcement in Syracuse.

Housing Justice: Supported DSA's work in tenant organizing and in developing and promoting legislation to protect tenants from being evicted without reason.

Supporting the Community Grid: Working with NYCLU and Urban Jobs Task Force, promoting economic, environmental, and social justice for the 1-81 project of the NYS DOT and Federal Highway Administration. Two of our members, with NYCLU, participated in a conference in Albany on highway removal.

Racial Justice: We continue to support ReBirth, NAN, SPAARC, and Center for Community Alternatives, in their work for racial justice.

NY Health Act: Working with the Campaign for New York Health, we continue to push legislators to Pass the NY Health Act!

Onondaga County Government: Opposed the aquarium, supported fair redistricting, demanded resources for housing, lead safety, and other human needs.

Climate Justice Committee

The committee was relatively inactive in 2022. It did bring attention to issues of sustainability to the CNY Solidarity Coalition community.

- Met with Pam Hunter and a representative from Senator Mannion's office in support of the Climate and Community Investment Act (CCIA), a bill to fund the provisions of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)
- Brought Ithaca's Director of Sustainability, Luis Aguirre Torres, to a Coalition meeting to talk about Ithaca's plan to reach 100% carbon neutrality in the city by 2030
- Brought Jan Metzger of Citizens for Local Power to present the CLCPA at a coalition meeting.