

# PSC/CUNY COPE

FIGHTING FOR YOU IN CITY HALL, ALBANY AND WASHINGTON

**No Furloughs for CUNY  
Faculty and Staff**

-May 2010

**Governor Shifts  
Stance on Taxes**

-December 2011

**Pro-CUNY Candidates  
Need Your Support  
on Election Day**

-November 6, 2012

**Give to PSC/CUNY COPE**  
For progress on the issues we care about



PSC leaders meet with Assembly Member Deborah Glick. Pictured (from r. to l.): Glick, Steve London, Barbara Bowen, and Robert Cermele (NYCCT).

"As chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Deborah Glick has fought for increased funding for CUNY, independent trustees and affordable tuition. She shares our priorities—PSC/CUNY COPE is proud to support her."

—PSC First Vice President Steve London  
Brooklyn College



Iris DeLutro leads chants outside the governor's office.

"I give because PSC/CUNY COPE fights against the scapegoating of public workers and helps protect our benefits. We must fight back against attacks on our pensions. CUNY pensions shouldn't be reduced because Albany lets the rich pay less than their fair share of taxes.

—PSC Vice President for Cross-Campus Units Iris DeLutro  
The Murphy Institute and the School of Professional Studies



PSC President Barbara Bowen speaks at PSC's Student-Faculty-Staff Lobby Day in Albany.

"It's a question of power. The more you contribute to PSC/CUNY COPE, the more power the union has in Albany and City Hall. This year has certainly shown that collective political pressure works. It's the right moment to increase the union's power as an advocate for more revenue, more funds for CUNY—by signing up to give."

—PSC President Barbara Bowen  
Queens College and the Graduate Center

## PSC/CUNY COPE is

... the PSC's Committee on Political Education—the political action arm of our union and part of the non-partisan VOTE-COPE program supported by tens of thousands of union members from our state and national affiliates, New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers.

Your voluntary contribution to PSC/CUNY COPE helps the PSC

and our affiliates elect candidates who are pro-CUNY and pro-labor. It also supports advocacy on PSC priorities and a broad progressive agenda on education policy, labor rights and social justice. PSC/CUNY COPE contributions are separate from your union dues, and are collected via payroll deduction or personal check.

### Message from Ron Hayduk, PSC/CUNY COPE Coordinator, Professor of Political Science



Quality education for CUNY students, better pay, job security, and protection of our pensions and benefits—these are reasons I support PSC/CUNY COPE. You should, too. Decisions made in City Hall, Albany and Washington affect every aspect of our work life, and the progress we've made on improving our working conditions and quality of life can only continue if we increase our union's political influence.

COPE gets results: we've helped elect a

City Council that has increased funding to CUNY colleges.

NYC Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, NYC Comptroller John Liu,

and NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli—all powerful allies of labor—were also elected with COPE

support. COPE support helped us fight off furloughs and gain health insurance for graduate employees and TransitCheks. COPE also helped us win a major pension reform that increased take-home pay for current CUNY employees. Now that pension benefits for new employees have been reduced by Tier 6 legislation, we need a well-funded COPE program to roll back the cuts.

We've got more work to do, so do yourself a favor. Sign up and contribute.



To be the best educator I can be, I need reasonable class sizes, job security and continued health insurance. As an adjunct, giving to PSC/CUNY COPE is an investment in me and my students—after all, my working conditions and my students' learning conditions are one and the same.

—Ruben Rangel, The City College of New York



Elected with PSC/CUNY COPE support, City Council Higher Education Chair Ydanis Rodriguez led the legislative effort that restored \$4 million to CUNY community college funding. Above, Rodriguez accepts petitions opposing the cut from Steve London and PSC members from the BCC, BMCC and Retirees chapters.

## Two ways to contribute

- 1. Sign up for payroll deduction.** It's easy. It saves on administrative costs, and it helps us budget for long-term campaigns. Just fill out the enclosed voluntary authorization form and mail it today in the enclosed envelope. Many PSC/CUNY COPE supporters give \$10 per pay period. You can contribute more or less. Please give what you can.
- 2. Make a voluntary contribution by check.** Make checks payable to PSC/CUNY COPE, and mail in the enclosed envelope. Retirees and CUNY Research Foundation employees can contribute only by check.

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