

NYC Repro Action Guide

In the immediate days following the passage of [SB8 in Texas](#), many of us looked to our own communities and representatives to see what we could do locally to protect reproductive healthcare and abortion access. You can use this action guide a few ways:

1. Use it as a guide to inform fellow organizers, community members, and voters on ways to advocate for abortion access at every level of government. We've compiled policy recommendations for almost every city-level elected position and a few general general policy points for NY State that you can share with your elected officials.
2. Share [these graphics](#) on your own social media channels to help share information and organize virtually. The short link to this guide is: bit.ly/ReproNYC
3. Share the guide directly with your elected officials and ask them directly which policy points they are ready to champion in their upcoming terms.
 - a. Find your current reps at <https://www.mygovnyc.org/> and find your incoming representatives and candidates at www.ballotpedia.org
 - b. Remember - your city officials still have an election in November and your state officials are entering campaign season. Now is the time to apply pressure and hold them accountable! Ask them the tough questions and share their responses with your communities.

We created this guide in the spirit of solidarity. Texas may seem far away to us in New York, where abortion access has been codified into state law, but the true definition of solidarity means that we must continue to push until sexual and reproductive healthcare is a right afforded to everyone. New York has more work to do to ensure healthcare is truly accessible for all -- young people, lower income patients, and undocumented New Yorkers still face barriers to care. More than ever, we need reproductive health, rights, and justice champions in local government. Now is the time when we need leaders to stand up for sexual and reproductive health equity in New York City and beyond as we face unprecedented attacks on our rights nationally.

What each NYC Government office can do to protect abortion access:

→ Mayor

- ◆ Expand abortion care & reproductive health services at H+H public hospitals & support a pipeline of new abortion providers.
- ◆ Commit to making NYC a safe haven for abortion for people traveling from other states.
- ◆ Provide low to no-cost full-spectrum doula care in every city hospital, including abortion doula care at reproductive health clinics that offer abortions

- ◆ Enforce the Crisis Pregnancy Regulation Law & Clinic Access Law to hold harmful fake clinics accountable & protect against patient harassment.
- ◆ Develop a program that gives doctors and prescribers that offer abortion care access to free legal services in the event they're sued.

→ Comptroller

- ◆ As steward of the pension funds, advocate for improved business practices on healthcare access, pay equity, and leave policies.
- ◆ Join the Reproductive Health Investors Alliance to make high-quality, sexual, reproductive, maternal health available to all.
- ◆ Make the financial case for increased funding to sexual & reproductive health centers and community-based clinics.
- ◆ Audit public buildings for accessible lactation rooms and gender neutral restrooms.
- ◆ Ensure no public funding goes to Crisis Pregnancy Centers (predatory fake clinics)

→ Borough President

- ◆ Commit capital funding to sexual and reproductive health centers & fund education programs in their borough.
- ◆ Distribute Know Your Rights resources & reproductive healthcare information in a culturally informed, multilingual way.
- ◆ Partner with schools to expand comprehensive gender inclusive sexual health education K-12.
- ◆ Advocate for city, state, and federal legislation to protect abortion access, including Congress' Women's Health Protection Act

→ Council Member

- ◆ Use the Council's budgetary power to fund community health providers and sexual & reproductive health clinics.
- ◆ Expand the NYC Initiative to fund low to no-cost abortion care for New Yorkers and out-of-state patients.
- ◆ Ensure minors have access to sexual & reproductive healthcare at school-based health centers (SBHCs) and expand SBHCs citywide.
- ◆ Strengthen local legal protections for clinic access to keep patients and staff safe & free from harassment.
- ◆ Implement comprehensive, affirming, and inclusive sexual health education in NYC K-12 public schools.
- ◆ Withhold City funding to Crisis Pregnancy Centers (predatory fake clinics)

→ What the State Government can do to protect and expand abortion access:

- ◆ Pass the NYS Abortion Access bill (S758/A1926) to create a fund supporting people in covering the cost of abortions.
- ◆ Pass NYS Bill S2264 to require Crisis Pregnancy Centers (predatory fake clinics) to disclose to clients that they're not licensed medical providers and don't provide abortion or contraception.
- ◆ Expand telemedicine protections to strengthen access to sexual & reproductive healthcare, including abortion.

- ◆ Fund sexual & reproductive healthcare at CUNY & SUNY campuses.
- ◆ In the spirit of reproductive justice, pass Senate Bill S7078, the community midwifery bill, and Senate Bill S8307, the midwifery-led birth center bill, to ensure those who want to keep their pregnancies can access community-based care.
- ◆ Expand Medicaid to cover doulas, including abortion doulas.
- ◆ Pass the bill to ensure insurance coverage of abortion (s7002/a7573) and the constitutional amendment that would enshrine protections for pregnancy outcomes (s1268).