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Tell Albany the Facts About 401(k)s and Tier 6

Say NO to the Governor, Assembly Speaker and Senate Majority Leader

As part of our effort to defeat Governor Cuomo's pension proposals, I am asking all union presidents to call him and the leaders of the State Legislature and make the following points:

- Over the past 10 years more than 43% of pension benefits have been funded from investment income, and the projections of pension costs have not taken into consideration the impact of the systems earning 14% and 23% in the past two years. In the next five fiscal years the City's pension costs will go down by \$3.5 billion. The New York City Comptroller has reported that over the next 50 years the cost of City pensions will be reduced to only 3% of the City revenues from the current 14%.
- Pension benefits are not free. In Fiscal Year 2011 active members contributed \$905 million to the retirement systems.
- The National Institute on Retirement in 2009 reported that public employee retirees pumped \$358 billion into local economies, creating 2.5 million jobs.
- Tier 6 will result in inadequate benefits upon retirement. There will be greater spending by government to provide adequate living standards for those yet to be hired than would be spent on adequate pensions.
- The proposed 401(k) option will result in a temporary work force and a decline in city services, because fewer employees will decide to become well-trained career civil servants.
- Just because uncaring executives in the private sector have slashed or eliminated pension benefits doesn't mean our elected officials should do the same to public sector employees.

CALL TODAY TO SAY NO

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Harry Nespoli, Chair

