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### NYC Council Passes the Protect Trans Futures Package

**City Hall, NY**— Today, the New York City Council approved the Protect Trans Futures Package, a bold suite of legislation with five bills and four resolutions that are designed to protect transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex (TGNCNBI) New Yorkers from the incursions of the Trump administration.

Since the beginning of this year, [over 850 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills have been filed across the country, the most in U.S. history](#). The Protect Trans Futures package, championed by the Council's LGBTQIA+ and Progressive Caucuses, is aimed at strengthening the city's role as a true safe haven for TGNCNBI communities. The package includes the following bills and resolutions:

- [Int. 1200-A](#): requires the Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice to conduct a Know Your Rights media campaign for TGNCNBI New Yorkers, sharing information about discrimination protections, gender-affirming care access, hate crime reporting, community organization support, and changing legal name and gender marker.
- [Int. 1201-A](#): creates a private right of action to protect patients in New York City from lawsuits by conservative governments or entities regarding gender affirming care, ensuring a "safe harbor" for those seeking this care.
- [Int. 1203-A](#): requires the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to study existing services and identify gaps for new TGNCNBI migrants and create a plan to address these gaps.
- [Int. 1204-A](#): requires the Department of Health to study health disparities affecting TGNCNBI people compared to cisgender people and create a plan to address those gaps, report on them in 2027, with a full health agenda by 2028, and update the plan every five years.
- [Int. 0246-A](#): requires city agencies that collect gender information on forms to include an "X" option for individuals who do not identify as male or female.
- [Res. 771](#) calls upon Governor Hochul to sign the New York Health Information Privacy Act ([S.929/A.2141](#)), which would extend protections over personal health information.
- [Res. 774](#) calls on the New York State Department of Health to require hospitals to follow [Standards of Care Version 8](#), the latest standards for transgender health care.

- [Res. 781](#) calls on New York State to introduce and pass a law that blocks other states from accessing prescription records to help protect patients' privacy and safety for medications like abortion pills, hormone therapy, and puberty blockers.
- [Res. 793](#) calls on New York State to pass and sign [S.1633/A.2613](#), a law that would give patients more control over their sensitive health information, like details about abortion or gender-affirming care, by allowing them to limit who can see or share it.

Before the Stated City Council Meeting, Council Members, LGBTQIA+ advocates, and allies rallied this morning in support of the legislative package and called for further investment in TGNCNBI rights and resources. Their demands included allocating and baselining \$10 million for the Trans Equity Initiative, \$15 million for Gender Affirming Care, and \$10 million for LGBTQ+ Youth Housing in the Council's FY26 Budget. Photos from the press conference can [be found here](#) and credited to the NYC Council Media Unit.

"Today, we are taking a step towards liberation and justice for our transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex neighbors," **said New York City Council Member and LGBTQIA+ Caucus Chair Tiffany Cabán**. "Local government is the final line of defense against fascism. My bill is designed to protect trans people in New York from the horrific incursions of the Trump administration. It requires New York City to communicate with trans New Yorkers about all of the rights and resources they have. That's highlighting every resource, every fund, every program. This bill is about transparency, accessibility, and solidarity. But most importantly, it's about survival. We're not defending an ideology here. We're defending lives."

"New York City must stand firm in the face of unprecedented attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community by the Trump Administration," **says Council Member Erik Bottcher, Co-Chair of the LGBTQIA+ Caucus**. "The Protect Trans Futures Plan is about fortifying essential protections for transgender New Yorkers and ensuring that our city remains a safe haven. While the federal government turns its back, we're stepping up — using every tool we have to protect access to gender-affirming care and safeguard the dignity and rights of all people. I'm deeply grateful to Speaker Adams and my colleagues in the LGBTQIA+ Caucus for championing this vital legislation."

"Today, with the passage of the Protect Trans Futures Package, the Council reaffirmed that our City will not be complicit in the nationwide assault on our transgender and gender non-conforming communities. We are not only rejecting anti-trans hate, but this legislative package also improves systems to support, protect, and uplift our TGNCNBI communities," **said Council Member Shahana Hanif, Co-Chair of the Progressive Caucus**. "My bill, the Affirm Act, establishes a private right of action for patients who face retaliation by anti-trans governments or entities for seeking gender affirming care provided in New York City. The Affirm Act makes our city a "safe harbor" for those who access gender affirming care here in the five boroughs. I'm grateful to the diverse coalition of directly impacted TGNCBI advocates who helped my team craft this bill."

"With an increase in attacks on the TGNCNB community nationwide, it is important for the New York City Council to take a stand and protect some of our most vulnerable New Yorkers. Introduction 246 and Resolution 774, which will mandate more gender inclusive city agency forms and calls on the state to require NYC hospitals to provide high-quality, ethical care for trans patients, respectively, are just one piece of the Protect Trans Futures Package introduced by the LGBTQIA+ Caucus to advocate for a more gender inclusive New York," **said Council Member Crystal Hudson**. "This legislation is important to me not just as a Black gay woman, but also in this country's larger fight for human rights."

“As Chair of the Health Committee and a proud member of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, I am honored to champion legislation that affirms our commitment to protecting the rights, dignity, and privacy of all New Yorkers—especially our transgender and gender nonconforming communities,” **said Council Member Lynn Schulman, District 29.** “Resolutions 781 and 793 send a clear message: New York will not stand by while others attempt to criminalize health care decisions or weaponize personal medical data. These measures are about safeguarding access to care, defending bodily autonomy, and ensuring that our health systems serve as sanctuaries—not surveillance tools. I’m proud to stand with my colleagues as we take this bold step forward.”

“As the Trump administration tries to erase TGNCNBI people from public life, we are grateful that the City Council is passing these bills. Taken together, they send the clear message that our city supports our TGNCNBI communities and will work to ensure TGNCNBI New Yorkers are safe and have access to gender-affirming care,” **said Allie Bohm, Senior Policy Counsel at the New York Civil Liberties Union.** “We honor and will fight for the dignity and humanity of TGNCNBI New Yorkers, no matter who is in the White House.”

“Let’s be clear - what’s happening to TGNCNBI communities across this country is intentional, and it’s cruel,” **said Council Member Farah Louis, Chair of the Committee on Women and Gender Equity.** “But New York City isn’t standing idly by. With the Protect Trans Futures package, we’re taking action, expanding access to care, strengthening legal protections, and making it clear: hate has no place here, and we will not let our trans and non-binary neighbors be erased.”

“I’m grateful to the New York City Council for passing these powerful laws, which will both protect our trans community in NYC from outside threats and allow us to thrive here,” **said [Diana Adams \(they/them\)](#), Executive Director of Chosen Family Law Center.** “By expanding protections for marginalized communities in New York City, these laws reaffirm the right of cities and states to defend their citizens from outside actors. This isn’t just a win for trans people—this is a win for democracy.”

“The New York City Council has done what every city council in every blue city should be doing across the country: they listened to impacted populations and implemented the feedback they received, they prioritized practical protective measures aimed at real threats over grand statements of allyship, and they worked efficiently and responsively,” **said [Andy Izenon \(he/they\)](#), Senior Legal Director of Chosen Family Law Center.** “While the legal landscape remains uncertain, our communities rely on local governments to provide meaningful benefits and protections from threats arising from both state and non-state actors, and NYC has made itself a leader in doing so.”

“PFLAG NYC has been dedicated to the LGBTQ+ families of New York City for over 50 years, and has seen the protections and support for our communities ebb and flow through those years,” **said Clark Wolff Hamel, Executive Director of PFLAG NYC.** “We are thrilled to see the Protect Trans Futures Package coming out of City Council today, furthering New York City’s support and protection of transgender people, and everyone who loves them. We hope that this investment in the lives of Trans people shows the community that they are seen, they are heard.”

“The Protect Trans Futures bill package is an important step in ensuring that trans New Yorkers are able to access safe and affirming services in NYC. The Ali Forney Center(AFC) is thankful to Council Members Cabán, Bottcher, Hanif, Ossé, and Hudson for their steadfast advocacy for trans youth and commitment to working with the trans advocates to ensure the Council is putting

forward legislation that our community needs,” said **Nadia Swanson (they/them) Director of Technical Assistance and Advocacy, The Ali Forney Center**. “The trans new New Yorkers staying at our drop-in center and shelters have been left out of past plans by the Mayor, leaving our most vulnerable youth without a path forward. Intro-1203 will ensure our new New Yorker youth get an equitable opportunity to thrive.”

"Today's passage of 'The Protect Trans Futures' package by the NYC Council is a powerful affirmation that our city stands with trans New Yorkers—young and old," said **Bryan Ellicott-Cook, Director of Government Relations, SAGE**. "In these difficult and uncertain times for transgender and non-binary people, this legislation is a vital step forward in ensuring safety, dignity, and opportunity for all trans people across generations. At SAGE, we celebrate this commitment to protecting and uplifting our community."

"For far too long, trans and gender-nonconforming New Yorkers, especially Black and Brown immigrants, disabled individuals, sex workers, and low-income TGNC communities, have been forced to navigate systems never designed with us in mind, and often set up to work against us," said **Tiffany Jade Munroe, Trans Justice Coordinator, Caribbean Equality Project**. "The Protect Trans Futures Package is a critical step forward. It expands outreach and education within trans and non-binary communities, strengthens access to gender-affirming care, and demands comprehensive data, equitable services, and genuine cultural competency. Most importantly, it holds our city accountable to the people it serves. As a trans woman of Caribbean heritage, I understand firsthand what it means to live at the intersections of immigration and race, and the challenges my undocumented trans community faces when trying to access fundamental human rights like healthcare, housing, education, and the freedom of movement. I know what it feels like to fight for visibility, safety, and belonging, only to have those very fights used against you. But I also see the power of our community when we come together, stand firm in our truth, and demand dignity in solidarity."

"As the disgusting and repressive attacks on transgender and gender non-conforming people from the Trump Administration continue, it is more important than ever for New York City to be a safe haven and a beacon for TGNC rights, equality, and dignity," said **Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn president Joseph Jourdan**. "LID is proud to support and stand with these City Council members taking the lead on supporting our TGNC community and protecting gender-affirming care in New York City."

"We are in the fight of our lives to protect the health, dignity, and safety of transgender and gender diverse communities," said **Patrick J. McGovern, CEO of Callen-Lorde Community Health Center**. "We are grateful for Council Members Cabán, Bottcher, Hanif, Ossé, and Hudson for introducing one of the strongest legislative packages for LGBTQ inclusion at the municipal level in recent years, particularly for transgender and nonbinary residents. At Callen-Lorde, we know firsthand how policies shape lives - from banning invasive surveillance to ensuring inclusive data collection and equitable access to public services, these measures reaffirm a simple truth: when we protect trans futures, we protect the future of New York City."

"TGNC New Yorkers deserve to live in a city whose leaders stand up for them in tough times. Right now is that time," said **Dr. Carla Smith, CEO, The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center (The Center)**. "The Protect Trans Futures Package is an important step toward safeguarding our city from the hateful, anti-trans efforts that have overtaken our national rhetoric and ensuring that New York City is adequately prepared to serve TGNC New Yorkers through our city's services. This bill package has the potential to offer city agencies a better understanding of the issues facing trans and gender-nonconforming New

Yorkers, and we are counting on them to address community needs by expanding culturally-competent social safety networks that keep us all safe.”

“Housing Works proudly stands with our TGNCNBI community and thanks Council Members Cabán, Bottcher, Hanif, Ossé, and Hudson for championing legislation that protects and affirms trans lives,” **said Anthony Feliciano, Housing Works VP of Community Mobilization.** “As attacks on gender-affirming care escalate nationwide, we applaud the City Council for taking bold action to safeguard access, privacy, and dignity. We urge the City to meet this moment by fully funding the Protect Trans Futures Package and prioritizing support for trans-led organizations.”

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