



# 2017 IMPACT REPORT

**ALIGN unites community and labor to create good jobs, vibrant communities, and an accountable democracy for all New Yorkers.**



This year ALIGN made important breakthroughs towards a more just and sustainable New York, despite the unprecedented federal attacks against women, immigrants, people of color and the environment. Here are some highlights from our first year under the leadership of Maritza Silva-Farrell, ALIGN's first immigrant Latina Executive Director.



## CLIMATE WORKS FOR ALL

Climate Works for All is a unique and broad coalition campaigning to reduce emissions, promote equity and create well-paying jobs, particularly through pathways to apprenticeship and local hiring. Following two years of advocacy, the city launched the Green Jobs Corps which will train 3000 apprentices. We also won a commitment to prioritize low-income communities of color and ensure strong labor standards in the city's installation of solar panels on public schools. For private big buildings, the Mayor agreed that mandating energy efficiency improvements is the only way the city will meet its climate goals. We are advocating for comprehensive legislation that will create thousands of jobs, reduce emissions by 12%, and protect affordable housing.

## TRANSFORM DON'T TRASH

The Transform Don't Trash coalition is campaigning for equity, good working conditions, high recycling rates and the creation of green jobs in the city's private waste industry. In the era of Trump, the brave immigrant workers at NYC's largest recycling plant—SIMS Municipal Recycling—set the tone by resisting intimidation and winning a union with Teamsters Local 210.



## NEW YORK RENEWS

The statewide NY Renews coalition launched a campaign to raise revenue to invest in renewable energy, create new jobs, protect workers currently in the fossil fuel industry, and support communities impacted by climate change by getting fossil fuel companies to pay for their pollution. The policy has the support of New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.



## REVOLUTIONIZING OUR TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE

Public transit-reliant communities—who are disproportionately women, immigrants, and people of color—are suffering the consequences of our crumbling transit infrastructure. We have initiated a citywide transit campaign to secure funding for the subway, convert the city's buses from diesel to electric power, and create worker-owned co-ops of electric school buses.



## SCHOOL OF ACTIVE RESISTANCE (SOAR)

ALIGN launched a grassroots training program, the School of Active Resistance (SOAR), which brings together members of community organizations and labor to build power and develop strategies from the ground up. SOAR recognizes that long-term change requires transformation in how we relate to each other. We will build on the two 2017 trainings—which focused on climate activism and low-wage workers—to expand the program.



## CHALLENGING CORPORATE GREED

ALIGN joined with 30 other organizations from throughout New York City and State to send a strong message to our elected officials: stop rolling out the red carpet for Amazon and providing corporate giveaways. As Amazon expands its presence in New York, officials must hold the company to high community and worker standards.



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