

We invite you to join an extraordinary group of leaders, the Empire Club.

EMPIRE CLUB MEMBERS are a driving force behind the Pride Agenda's education, organizing and advocacy programs that are creating a broadly diverse alliance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and our allies to achieve both equality and justice for LGBT New Yorkers.

As a member of the Empire Club you will receive:

- ✧ Regular briefings on the progress of our work
- ✧ Invitations to special events tailored to Empire Club members
- ✧ Recognition in specific Pride Agenda materials, including our annual Fall Dinner journal

Empire Club members make an annual commitment of \$1,200 or more and provide the Pride Agenda with the ability to respond quickly and effectively on issues of importance to LGBT New Yorkers.

Thanks to your support and dedication, the Pride Agenda is considered a leader for statewide organizations working for LGBT rights, and continually strives to make New York a better place for LGBT people and our families.

As you well know, we face many challenges in successfully accomplishing our goals, but the support of people like you help us meet such challenges and produce results for New York State's LGBT community.

Make a powerful, personal statement in the fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equal rights — make a contribution and join or renew your membership in the Empire Club today!

Winning equality and justice

The Pride Agenda has a track record of producing — not just promising — for New York State's LGBT community. With the support and participation of people like you all across New York, we have won over 55 separate victories on the local and state levels. Many of these advances provide recognition by the government that LGBT families need and deserve the same support that all other families receive.

These victories include:

- ✧ Enactment of statewide sexual orientation non-discrimination and hate crimes laws
- ✧ The repeal of the consensual sodomy statute
- ✧ Winning over \$22 million in state funding for over 50 programs across the state that provide critical health and social services for LGBT youth, seniors, people of color and crime victims
- ✧ Passage of local transgender non-discrimination laws, ranging from New York City to other jurisdictions like Suffolk County and the City of Albany

As the debate around our freedom to marry continues to make headlines across the nation, the Pride Agenda has worked with a number of elected officials to issue a series of local and state administrative actions respecting marriages of same-sex couples performed outside of New York State. We also worked with the state legislature to pass bills providing some of the specific rights for same-sex partners, and we prevented the legislature from taking any action on a Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). This means New York State is one of only five states without such a law.

We also have the ability to continue pushing forward in winning rights for transgender New Yorkers and protections for LGBT youth against biased-based bullying and harassment in our public schools, but only if we have the support we need to build a consensus for change around these issues. Please join us.

More detailed information about the Pride Agenda and our current work can be found on our website at www.prideagenda.org.



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please contact our Development Department at 212.627.0305.

Thank you.

You can also donate online at www.prideagenda.org.

We're proud of the way we manage our funds. For a copy of our most recent financial report, please write us or to the Office of the Attorney General, New York State Department of Law, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.



The Empire State Pride Agenda is New York's statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights and advocacy organization.

Our mission is to win equality and justice for LGBT New Yorkers and our families. We recognize that while significant cultural, legal and governmental advances have led to greater equality for LGBT New Yorkers, we and our families remain highly vulnerable without the vast majority of rights and responsibilities that most New Yorkers take for granted.

Through our education, organizing and advocacy programs, we work toward creating a broadly diverse alliance of LGBT people and our allies in government, communities of faith, labor, all sectors of the workforce and other social justice movements to achieve both equality for LGBT New Yorkers and the broader goals of social, racial and economic justice.

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