



Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0009-2024

Sponsored by: **Miguel A. Melendéz, Jr.**, President/At-Large Representative;

February 20, 2024

To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to pass the 2024 Proposed NYS Budget with the \$25 Million in Targeted Anti-Poverty Aid designated for Rochester and to Further Request the Governor to Convey these Funds to Rochester Once Passed in the least Restrictive Way Possible.

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join me by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution – urging the New York State Legislature to pass the 2024 Proposed NYS Budget with the \$25 Million in Targeted Anti-Poverty Aid designated for Rochester and to Further Request the Governor to Convey these Funds to Rochester Once Passed in the least Restrictive Way Possible – and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester has requested the creation of a new State fund that could provide it with additional support and resources; and

WHEREAS, this new fund would benefit Rochester greatly in the form of Targeted Anti-Poverty Aid; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester continues to suffer from extreme poverty with three of the top five poorest zip codes in New York State located within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rochester and Monroe County have jointly used ARPA funds in critical ways to address public health; safety; workforce and economic development; and maintaining and improving critical public infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, when ARPA funds sunset there will be a funding gap to continue these investments; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear need for additional anti-poverty resources to support Rochester; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester requires equitable investments to right longstanding systemic gaps in funding, and;

WHEREAS, this funding will reinforce the Governor’s commitment to Upstate, NY and the citizens of Rochester.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned Members of the Rochester City Council, therefore urge the New York State Legislature to pass the 2024 Proposed NYS Budget with the \$25 Million in Targeted Anti-Poverty Aid designated for Rochester and to Further Request the Governor to Convey these Funds to Rochester Once Passed in the least Restrictive Way Possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr." in a cursive script.

Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr., President
At-Large Representative

Attachment

RE: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to pass the 2024 Proposed NYS Budget with the \$25 Million in Targeted Anti-Poverty Aid designated for Rochester and to Further Request the Governor to Convey these Funds to Rochester Once Passed in the least Restrictive Way Possible.

The following Councilmembers join their colleagues in support of Memorializing Resolution 0009-24:



LaShay D. Harris, Vice President
South District Representative



Mary Lupien, Councilmember
East District Representative



Willie Lightfoot, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Bridget Monroe, Councilmember
Northwest District Representative



Michael A. Patterson, Councilmember
Northeast District Representative



Mitch Gruber, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Kim Smith, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Stanley Martin, Councilmember
At-Large Representative