



**City of Rochester, NY**  
**Rochester City Council**

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**Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0020-2024**

Sponsored by: **Kim Smith**, Councilmember At-Large | Co-Sponsored by: **Mary Lupien**, East District

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

***RE: Memorializing the U.S. Congress to Pass the People’s Response Act***

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution urging the U.S. Congress to pass the People’s Response Act, ensuring that Rochester residents, and communities across the country, gain access to the resources necessary to build innovative, person-centered alternative community safety models, and in doing so, collectively **State and Resolve:**

**WHEREAS**, following the killing of Daniel Prude, the City of Rochester created the Person In Crisis Team, a 24/7 alternative responder system to police, to ensure that people experiencing mental health and substance use crises can have their needs adequately met;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rochester remains interested in expanding non-police community safety infrastructure, and would greatly benefit from sustainable federal funding, resources and technical assistance to make this vision a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, through the creation of a new Division of Community Safety within the Department of Health and Human Services, the People’s Response Act would provide the necessary resources to support innovative methods of community safety and violence prevention through a public health approach; and

**WHEREAS**, the plethora of funding and technical assistance made possible by the passage of the People's Response Act would give the City of Rochester the resources to take a holistic, evidence-based approach to public safety; and

**Now, Therefore, be it RESOLVED** that we the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, support the full passage of the People's Response Act, and call on the U.S. Congress to pass the bill, ensuring that Rochester residents and communities across the country gain access to the resources necessary to heal our communities, and build innovative, person-centered alternative community safety models.

Sincerely,

**Kim Smith**  
At-Large

**Mary Lupien**  
East District

**RE: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Pass Bill S1981A/A4120A**

The following members of Rochester City Council join their colleague(s) in supporting this resolution:



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



**Willie Lightfoot**, Councilmember  
At-Large Representative



**Stanley Martin**, Councilmember  
At-Large Representative



**Mitch Gruber**, Councilmember  
At-Large Representative



**Bridget Monroe**, Councilmember  
Northwest District