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**ONE CITY/ONE FUTURE COALITION INTRODUCES A
BLUEPRINT FOR NEW YORK CITY**

New Report Focuses on Economic Recovery and Development Solutions

New York, NY—Sixty-five leading civic, environmental, housing, labor and immigration groups released a report today detailing concrete, comprehensive recommendations aimed at stimulating economic recovery and sustainable growth for New York City.

One City/One Future: A Blueprint for Growth that Works for All New Yorkers builds on successful models in cities from Los Angeles to London to identify better ways for New York City to make economic development work for all New Yorkers.

“Even in New York City’s recent economic boom, most New Yorkers did not get ahead financially,” said Mike Fishman, President of 32BJ, the largest private-sector union in New York. “New Yorkers need a New Deal – a set of public policies that will help create good jobs and keep our City vibrant and affordable.”

This new report lays out fifty-four recommendations for how New York City can raise standards for public spending, make strategic investments for shared growth, and reform planning and development processes – so that more New Yorkers will have a chance to get ahead as the city recovers.

According to Brad Lander, Senior Fellow at the Pratt Center for Community Development, “At this moment of economic crisis, we need a vision of shared prosperity that puts the needs and voices of our communities front and center. This is the moment to retool our existing economic development programs in order to deliver living-wage jobs, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, and livable neighborhoods.”

“Benefits that go to developers and large corporations already amount to billions of dollars every year, but New York City is not getting enough value out of the money we are spending,” says Carrie Brunk of New York Jobs with Justice. “It’s more important than ever that we have a framework to ensure our government’s economic development resources such as tax breaks, zoning incentives, government contracts, and federal stimulus funds are not wasted.”

“In a city with a political culture obsessed with personalities, the *One City/One Future* recommendations offer progressive, practical and well-vetted ideas from front line organizers and advocates,” says Mark Winston Griffith of the Drum Major Institute. “This report introduces accountability and transparency to development in New York and creates a blueprint for leveling the playing field between ordinary New Yorkers and large corporate interests.”

The report features opportunities New York City has right now to start rewriting the rules of our economy so it can work for all New Yorkers – not just Wall Street and real estate developers. Each recommendation in the report specifies what action must be taken for the proposed policy to be put into effect; whether through administrative action by the mayor or a city agency, the city budget or contracts, legislation by the City Council, revision of the New York City Charter, or action by New York State.

Michelle de la Uz of Fifth Avenue Committee endorsed the Blueprint, saying, “New York City’s housing crisis is far from over. The national mortgage and foreclosure crisis has only added to long-standing pressures caused by poor policies, such as vacancy decontrol, which harm our residents’ ability to get ahead financially.”

Dan Cantor of the Working Families Party states, “The recommendations in this report can be implemented in the here and now. We hope that advocacy groups will be able to use this framework to make their campaigns more effective, and we intend to bring this report to elected officials and candidates for their endorsement, as well.”

“As we fight our way through this crisis, New Yorkers have a unique opportunity to rethink economic development so that communities share in the benefits,” states Annette Bernhardt of the National Employment Law Project. “And with Wall Street on the ropes, it’s not just an opportunity, it’s a necessity.”

The One City/One Future Blueprint is the product of a collaboration led by the National Employment Law Project, New York Jobs with Justice, and the Pratt Center for Community Development, and was made possible by the generous support of the Ford Foundation, Taconic Foundation, Mertz Gilmore Foundation and Surdna Foundation. The Blueprint has been endorsed by sixty-five leading civic, environmental, housing, labor, immigration and other groups. To download a copy of the report or a summary, visit www.onecityonefuture.org.

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New York Jobs with Justice is a coalition of worker and community organizations building power to secure good jobs and strong communities for all New Yorkers.