



Women Creating Change Responds to Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State Address

— Nonprofit with more than 100 years of service to New York City applauds Governor's commitment to addressing the maternal health crisis and strengthening civic engagement —

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(New York, N.Y.)—Sharon Sewell-Fairman, President and CEO of Women Creating Change (WCC), a nonprofit that works toward a more just and equitable New York City where all women are civically engaged, released the statement below in response to Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State address:

“We applaud Governor Hochul's proposal to address the persistent maternal and infant health crisis disproportionately affecting Black and Brown women in New York. Proposing paid prenatal leave positions New York as a trailblazer, fostering a society in which women enjoy better health and the necessary support to flourish. Recognizing that proper support empowers women to advocate for themselves, their families, and their communities, these reforms play a pivotal role in enhancing civic engagement among women in New York.

Further, we commend Governor Hochul for creating the Office of Service and Civic Engagement (OSCE)—once again demonstrating her commitment to civic engagement for all New Yorkers. We look forward to collaborating with the Administration on this initiative, bringing civic engagement opportunities to historically, and presently, disenfranchised communities.”

About Women Creating Change:

Founded in 1915, Women Creating Change (formerly Women's City Club of New York) is a nonprofit, non-partisan, activist organization committed to advancing women's rights and shaping the future of New York City. Today, Women Creating Change is a diverse community that collaborates with stakeholders and organizations, with a focus on historically disenfranchised women. Our mission is to develop and strengthen the skills and resources needed for women to effectively identify and advocate for the issues that matter most to them and to New York's most diverse communities. Our vision is a more just and equitable New York City where all women are civically engaged.