

2019 ROUNDUP



Legal Advocacy



Lawsuit Alleges NYC Transit Authority Is Seizing Tax Refunds for Old Violations

February 15, 2019

"The MTA is acting as cop, prosecutor, judge, jury, and debt collector all at once. They're issuing these tickets, they're enforcing these judgments, they go after people for money, but they're not telling people what they're about," said **Susan Shin of New Economy Project...**



Legal Director Susan Shin and plaintiff David Evans



The MTA is Allegedly Seizing Tax Refunds From Poor NYers Over Decades-Old Infractions



New Yorkers Say State Agency Snatched Their Tax Refunds



The Ultimate Unfair Fares: The MTA is Seizing the Tax Refunds and Wages of Poor New Yorkers to Settle Decades-Old Debts

Public Bank Organizing



Leading a coalition rally for public banking in NYC



Public Banking Could Fund the Zero-Carbon Economy

April 10, 2019

"There is no question that the big banks are a key driver of climate destruction," says **Andy Morrison, campaigns director for the NYC-based New Economy Project**, a member and co-founder of Public Bank NYC.

"Our effort is rooted in racial justice and community organizing and base-building," Morrison says. "We're fighting for a bank that would promote community-led development and democratic participation."

Community Land Trust Initiative



Making the case for CLT funding, on the steps of City Hall



Budget Could Boost City's Nascent Community Land Trust Movement

June 3, 2019

"Over the long-term, the initiative will support creation and preservation of thousands of units of permanently affordable housing for low-income New Yorkers," said **Julia Duranti-Martinez, CLT Coordinator at New Economy Project**. "Community land trusts are part of a broader movement for cooperative and community-led development, including worker and financial cooperatives, mutual housing, and community-owned renewable energy initiatives."

THE CITY

City's IDNYC Smart Card Chip Plan Slammed as Security Risk

September 12, 2019

...Pushback against adding a banking chip to new IDNYC cards intensified Thursday, with a demand from immigration, civil liberties and consumer groups to scrap the effort and introduction of a City Council bill to block it.

The coalition of groups — which include the New York Civil Liberties Union, the Legal Aid Society, New York Immigration Coalition, **New Economy Project** and Make the Road New York — warned that the privacy risks of adding a smart chip to the municipal identification cards would “outweigh any purported benefits.”

THE Nation.

New York Fights — and Amazon Flees

February 14, 2019

“This is a huge win for New Yorkers and should mark a turning point in New York’s approach to economic development,” said the **New Economy Project’s Andrew Morrison**. “Instead of top-down decision-making and massive giveaways to destructive corporations like Amazon, our city and state should invest in economic development led by and for people and communities of color, immigrants, and women—who are disproportionately harmed by our current unfair, extractive economy.”

Workshop Series



Our 2019 New Economy Workshop Series brought together more than 45 community leaders and organizers from across NYC to learn about pressing economic justice issues and explore strategies for change. Through workshops on just transition, women in the new economy, messaging, and more, we explored how we can — and must — create a just economy rooted in cooperation, equity, and ecological sustainability.

A New Vision for Economic Justice

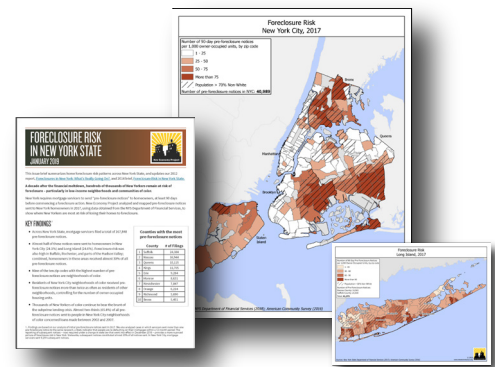
NYS COMMUNITY EQUITY AGENDA

The NYS Community Equity Agenda continues to gather steam. This year, we held legislative briefings in Albany, expanded coalition membership, and laid groundwork for strong NYS support of financial and worker co-ops in 2020.



New Economy Project leads Equity Agenda members in meetings with lawmakers in Albany

Research



Our February issue brief examined home foreclosure risk patterns across NYS, showing that communities of color continue to reel from the foreclosure crisis.

The Washington Post

Zombie Debt: How Collectors Trick Consumers into Reviving Dead Debts

August 7, 2019

...In New York City, the number of debt-collection lawsuits surpassed 100,000 last year, compared with 47,000 in 2016, according to data from the **New Economy Project**, an advocacy group.

Speaking Out



Sharing our curriculum, Building a New Economy: A People's Guide



Producing hard-hitting podcasts



Testifying against dangerous IDNYC smart chip proposal



Marching for climate justice