



United Neighborhood Houses Statement on Int. 2252

New York – July 28, 2021 – In response to the NYC Council’s Committee on Civil Service’s vote to advance legislation mandating Labor Peace Agreements for all City-funded human service contracts, UNH Director Susan Stamler commented:

For over a century, United Neighborhood Houses has stood in solidarity with working-class New Yorkers fighting for a more just and equitable city. Settlement house leaders were integral to early labor organizing efforts across the United States, and we continue to hold those values.

UNH appreciates the role labor unions can play in advancing the interests of workers. Still, we remain concerned that the City Council has chosen to move Int. 2252 forward with a rushed, opaque process despite questions from ideologically-aligned stakeholders.

If passed in its current form, Int. 2252 will interrupt the delivery of essential human services. Mindful of our shared vision, we call on the City Council to take more time to hear feedback from partners who are interested in avoiding unintended consequences. We believe in a final product that protects the nonprofit workforce without interrupting the essential services they provide to low-income communities.

About United Neighborhood Houses

United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) is a policy and social change organization representing 44 neighborhood settlement houses that reach 765,000 New Yorkers from all walks of life. A progressive leader for more than 100 years, UNH is stewarding a new era for New York’s settlement house movement. We mobilize our members and their communities to advocate for good public policies and promote strong organizations and practices that keep neighborhoods resilient and thriving for all New Yorkers. UNH leads advocacy and partners with our members on a broad range of issues including civic and community engagement, neighborhood affordability, healthy aging, early childhood education, adult literacy, and youth development. We also provide customized professional development and peer learning to build the skills and leadership capabilities of settlement house staff at all levels. For more information, visit <http://www.unhny.org/>

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