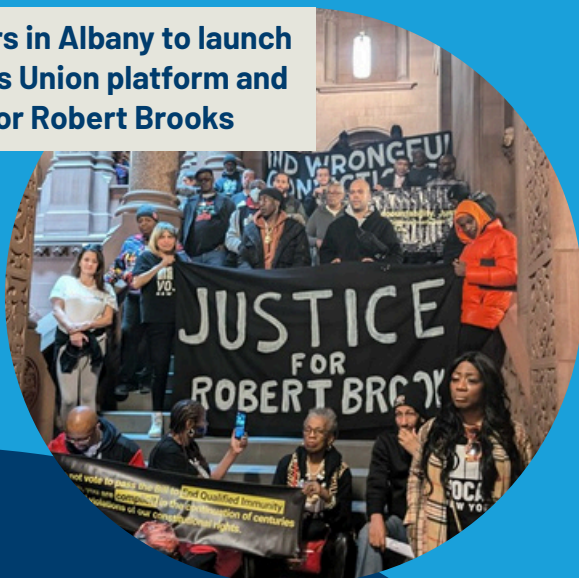


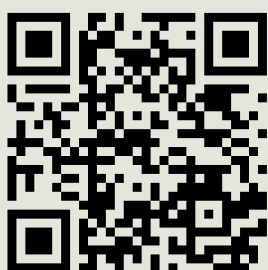
VOCAL NEW YORK

2024 by the numbers

Members and leaders in Albany to launch our 2025 Civil Rights Union platform and call for justice for Robert Brooks



Members attend January statewide legislative awareness day



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3,542 new contacts made
548 new members
788 people mobilized
3,702 times
67 leaders
105 actions
240 media hits
11,771 drop-in center visits
982 participants attended
209 community & wellness groups
5,438 Syringe Services Program transactions
12,328 safer-use bathroom visits
1,078 shower uses
107 drug checking tests
1,565 loads of laundry
1,393 free store visits
14 overdose reversals
37 Safe Haven placements
1,394 Peer-Delivered Syringe Exchange encounters
293,840 syringes
3,583 fentanyl test strips
645 narcan kits
148 Hep C/HIV tests
6,061 uses of the public health vending machine
156 Nurse Practitioner visits
81 Physician visits
Click [here](#) to see more data from our Services Program

VOCAL NEW YORK *continued*

2024 Highlights

- Homelessness Union Leader Milton Perez was invited to attend President Biden's annual State of the Union address in Washington, D.C.
- Won \$400 million for CityFHEPS rental assistance program in the NYC budget
- Led a funeral march at the office of Governor Hochul on International Overdose Awareness Day to demand the authorization of Overdose Prevention Centers and funding harm reduction, and blocked her criminalization plan for the overdose crisis
- Secured \$1 million for rental assistance for HIV+ New Yorkers in Rochester and Albany
- Helped secure funding for Daniel's Law pilot projects in Rochester and Buffalo
- Overrode Mayoral vetoes on the ban on solitary confinement at Rikers Island and the How Many Stops Act
- Celebrated the first full year of the new Drop-In Center's operation
- Officially renamed our block in Gowanus "Carl Stubbs Junior Way" after a longtime leader and tireless advocate of criminal justice reform who passed away

Mobilization of Homelessness Union members to fight for expansion to the Housing Access Voucher Program



Staff member Shantae Owens training neighbors in overdose reversal



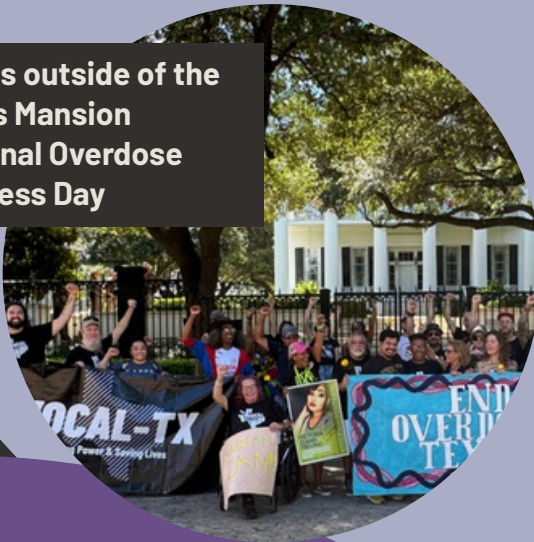
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2024 Highlights

VOCAL-TX rallies outside of the Governor's Mansion for International Overdose Awareness Day



Staff and leaders testify at a City Hall Budget Hearing in support of funding for housing and harm reduction services



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- Organized the residents of the Marshalling Yard, the biggest shelter in Austin, to win improvements to the conditions at the shelter.
- Passed a resolution through City Council, ensuring 24 months of rapid rehousing rental assistance and better planning for transition into permanent supportive housing.
- Launched our Users Union – named the Current and Past drug users Reviving lives (CPR) by our leaders – to unite low-income Austinites directly affected by the War on Drugs.
- Won investments in rapid rehousing, supportive housing, and harm reduction in Austin City's budget.
- Joined the ACLU of Texas and others to fight for counsel at first appearance (CAFA), resulting in Travis County approving \$15.5 million in funding

1,743 contacts made
470 new members
540 people mobilized
1,332 times
17 leaders
19 actions
25 media hits

VOCAL-US

2024 Highlights

- Officially launched in July 2024, with our first leaders meeting held in August
- Organized two national convenings on homelessness, substance use, and unmet mental health needs
- Agitated for local and state lawmakers to ensure that \$55 billion in Opioid Settlement Funds was spent on harm reduction.
- Rallied against the SCOTUS *Grants Pass v. Johnson* ruling that enabled municipalities to fine, incarcerate, and cite people experiencing public homelessness
- Pressured President Biden to expand clemencies and sentence commutations around the 30th anniversary of the 1994 Crime Bill

Rally with faith leaders and partners outside the U.S. Supreme Court for *Grants Pass v. Johnson* to say no to criminalizing homelessness



VOCAL-US mobilization in DC on the 30th anniversary of the Crime Bill



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2024 Highlights

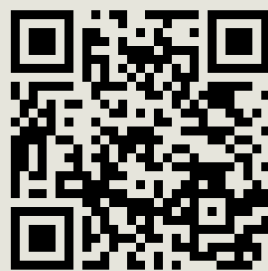
VOCAL KENTUCKY

HB5 "Safer Kentucky Act"
hearing in Frankfort



- Voiced dissent on HB5, repeatedly naming the harmful effects of criminalizing homelessness.
- Hosted the Summer of Organizing, including the Kentucky Organizing Revival, our 2-year anniversary, and 3 No More Drug War Town Halls across Kentucky to educate community members and stakeholders on the failed drug war and the need for harm reduction solutions.
- Launched our drop-in center in downtown Louisville to connect people to services and care.
- Commemorated World AIDS Day, including with a powerful Op-Ed by VOCAL-KY Leader Ryan Jacobs.

Some of our leaders before our
October membership meeting



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3,471 contacts made
241 new members
1,282 people mobilized
2,384 times
11 leaders
44 actions
59 media hits
8,372 drop-in center visits
575 people showered at
special shower events