

**DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS  
RESOLUTION  
TO SUPPORT THE  
LIBERTY ACT**

We support national security interests when it comes to immigration. Yet the current Washington DC administration has taken a position way beyond national security, and has instead taken an anti-immigration stance that targets the ethnicity and religion of those who travel to our shores.

Immigrants to New York City have built our city, lived in our city, and contributed greatly to our city with jobs, technology, culture, innovation and drive. We have been an immigration center for centuries.

The NY State Liberty Act bill proposes immigration guidelines in our state to encourage cooperation between individuals, law enforcement and government agencies, and to ensure the fair and ethical treatment of individuals.

**NY State Liberty Act highlights:**

Ensure when people are seeking assistance and services that they are not unnecessarily questioned about immigration status, including victims of human trafficking and domestic violence, other crime victims, and eyewitnesses;

Establish that state and local law enforcement agencies may not stop, question, investigate or arrest a person based on perceived immigration status;

Unless required by Federal law or the individual has given consent, local agencies will maintain the confidentiality of people's immigration status;

A person in custody of a state or local enforcement agency shall be subject to the same rights as other persons, regardless of actual or suspected immigration status.  
A person shall not be denied release or denied bail in these cases, unless Federal immigration agencies present, for example, a judicial warrant, notice is received of illegal reentry and the person stands convicted of certain felonies, or a person is a likely match in the terrorist screening database. (Civil immigration detainees often result in substantially longer jail stays than inmates without detainees.)

State and local facilities for the purposes of Federal immigration will not be used for enforcement;

Establish a right to legal representation for individuals subject to removal or deportation proceedings.

**Therefore be it resolved:**

The Downtown Independent Democrats support the NY State LIBERTY ACT.

In certain immigration related matters, these fair and ethical guidelines address issues from domestic violence and human trafficking victims, being denied bail or release from jail, to being arrested based on perceived immigration status.

Reasonable guidelines ensure the fair and ethical treatment of individuals and protect vulnerable immigrant populations.

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