Tool 5.2: Policy Recommendations Matching Activity

Recommendations come from Reports released by various community organizations. Cut into 14 separate slips of paper for Activity.

1. Congress and President Obama should allocate funding for an expanded health center to treat 9/11 affected workers and residents.

2. Congress and President Obama should provide resources to track all reported health problems related to 9/11 that are not currently tracked.

3. The NY City Council and Mayor should pass Introduction 648 (2007) a bill that would establish a right to counsel for low-income seniors facing eviction.

4. The NY City Council and Mayor should pass the Small Business Preservation Act (Jackson Bill) which helps small businesses negotiate their leases with property owners to enable them to remain in gentrifying communities

5. The Mayor and City Council ensure ongoing monitoring of law enforcement practices around syringe access programs.

6. Each NY City councilmember should set aside 10% of their discretionary funds for a participatory budget process in their district.

7. The NYC council should pass legislation to impose a tax on all residential properties that are completely constructed and sit completely vacant for more than one year in order to help finance the conversion of vacant buildings into low income housing

8. The Mayor and the NYC Economic Development Corporation should implement the People’s Plan for development of the East River Waterfront ensuring that the community’s input is guaranteed now and in the future.

9. The Department of Labor (DOL) should ensure that the Domestic Workers Bill of rights is being adequately enforced so that workers can exercise their right to overtime pay and a paid day of rest.

10. The Attorney General should enforce the immigrant services provider law to prevent predatory and fraudulent services aimed at immigrants.

11. HRA should hire external groups to monitor contracts, build capacity of vendors, and conduct long-term evaluation of the impact of programs.

12. The Mayor should establish a public/private commission that includes government entities, advocates and HRA clients that has the power to approve and suggest changes to the renewal of all HRA contracts.
Answer Key—Policy Recommendations Matching Activity

1. Budgetary  2. Budgetary/Oversight
3. Legislative  4. Legislative
5. Oversight  6. Budgetary
7. Legislative  8. Participation
11. Oversight  12. Oversight