

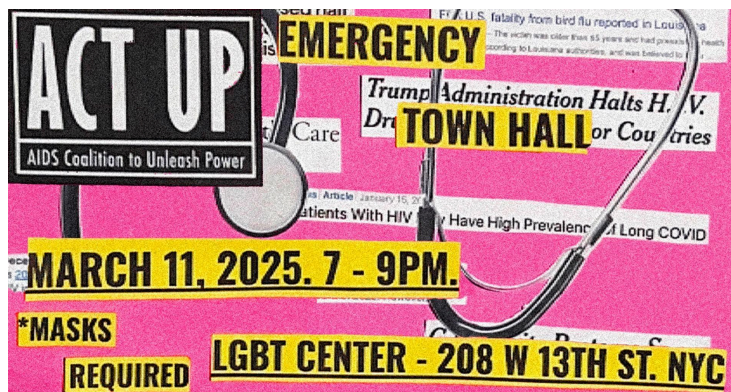


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**HEALTHCARE ACTIVISTS HOST TOWN HALL TO DENOUNCE CUTS TO FEDERAL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES**

**LGBTQ+ AND AIDS ACTIVISTS DEMAND MAYORAL CANDIDATES PROTECT NEW YORKERS' HEALTHCARE UNDER TRUMP**



**WHAT: ACT UP Emergency Town Hall**

**WHEN: Tues March 11, 7-9PM**

**WHERE: LGBTQ+ Center (208 W. 13th St.)**

**TRAINS: A,C,E,1,2,3 to 14th St.**

**Eventbrite/Zoom Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/act-up-town-hall-tickets-1258365809009>**

**\*\*Masks Required\*\***

March 10, 2025 – New York, NY – On Tuesday, March 11, ACT UP New York (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) will convene an **Emergency Town Hall** to mobilize activists, policymakers, and community members to defend the healthcare of New Yorkers in the face of unprecedented attacks from the Trump administration and Elon Musk.

In recent weeks, President Trump has fired thousands of workers from the NIH, CDC, FDA, and USAID and frozen or slashed billions of dollars in healthcare funding, endangering the health of Americans and poor or sick people around the world who rely on that aid.

Organizers have invited local politicians and health officials to ask them to commit to protect New Yorkers' healthcare in light of these cuts. The activists seek to unite the movements supporting **HIV/AIDS justice**,

**reproductive rights, transgender healthcare, pandemic preparedness, immigrant protections, and housing** because they see these struggles as deeply connected.

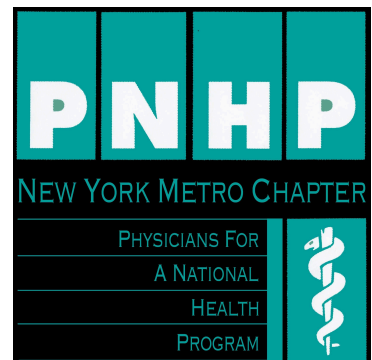
“Our best chance of fighting these relentless Trump attacks is for New York to come together as one,” said ACT UP member Evan Sachs. “Trump and Musk are risking our lives with all of these cuts to healthcare.”

Activists point to the upcoming mayoral race as central to the future of healthcare in New York City, urging candidates and lawmakers to establish the city as a healthcare sanctuary for all. And they worry about Eric Adams’ existing ties to Donald Trump and the potential for Andrew Cuomo to cut deals with Trump that aren’t in New Yorkers’ best interest.

“All New York mayoral candidates, even Eric Adams and Andrew Cuomo, must commit to fighting Donald Trump’s ongoing attacks on healthcare and vulnerable New Yorkers,” said Lola Coleman Alvarez of ACT UP. “We want to see the city’s free clinics for sexual health services and COVID, RSV and Flu testing and treatment expanded with an emphasis on gender-affirming healthcare and protections for immigrant New Yorkers seeking services.”

Town hall organizers plan to forge a strategy with attendees that includes working within legislative channels while also mobilizing public pressure and direct action. They hope the event will shape the fight for a just and livable New York City.

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#### **About ACT UP**

Founded in 1987, ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. ACT UP currently meets every Monday night over zoom.

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