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**STATEMENT FROM FAIR ELECTIONS FOR NEW YORK COALITION ON NYS FY 2024 BUDGET**

**NEW YORK**—The Fair Elections for New York coalition praised leaders in Albany today for including funding in the FY 2024 budget for New York’s Public Campaign Finance Program. The coalition’s statement reads:

“The agreed-upon funding for the Public Campaign Finance Program and the small donor matching system is a big and important step in giving everyday New Yorkers a stronger voice in their democracy following a frustrating budget process. This financial commitment to New York State’s landmark program will be invaluable to its first year and affirms what a majority of voters have long demanded. We appreciate every advocate, voter and lawmaker who continues pushing New York toward fairer elections for all, and urge our partners in government to support and fund the Public Campaign Finance Program over the coming years.”

The voluntary public financing program, enacted in 2020, allows participating candidates to receive public matching funds for small contributions from constituents. The funding our state’s leaders provided in today’s budget will keep the program on track for the 2024 elections so that it may fulfill its promise to give everyday New Yorkers a greater voice in our elections.

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**About Fair Elections for New York**

[Fair Elections for New York](#) is a coalition of 200+ organizations that believe New Yorkers deserve a responsive, accountable government. To tackle the crises we face in housing, living wage jobs, criminal justice, affordable health care, transportation, climate, fair taxes, and more, we must protect and expand our democracy to ensure it is responsive to the majority of people, not just the wealthy and well-connected.