



New York City Comptroller  
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# NEWS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

“Mayor de Blasio’s Executive Budget presents a clearer picture of New York City’s fiscal outlook through FY2018 by accounting for the near-term cost of paying our municipal workers.

I applaud the Mayor and the United Federation of Teachers for reaching an agreement. The Mayor also deserves praise for putting funds in the budget for all the unions still without a contract.

Several other worthwhile initiatives in this budget will be a step forward in improving the lives of City residents. I am thrilled that every public school student can look forward to a rich arts education, and that the Mayor has set aside the necessary funds to comply with state law.

And I welcome the commitment to expand Rockaway Ferry service through the summer for all those affected by Superstorm Sandy, but I urge that funding for a full year of service be restored to the budget before its adoption in June.

I commend the Mayor’s decision to end, for the upcoming year, the practice of making NYCHA tenants pay more for police protection by redirecting those funds for needed repairs.

In the coming weeks, my office will be examining this financial plan closely and I look forward to working with the de Blasio administration to implement policies that help grow our economy and maintain services to those most in need.”

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