

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION prohibiting disbursement of any funds contained in an itemized list of grantees for certain appropriations for the 2009-2010 state fiscal year, as required by subdivision 5 of section 24 of the state finance law, to certain entities

WHEREAS, The taxpayers of this state are already overburdened by high taxes and are experiencing a significant downturn in the economy; and

WHEREAS, It should be the job of every legislator to safeguard the taxpayers' money from fraud, abuse and corruption; and

WHEREAS, The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) and its affiliates have shown to be not deserving of taxpayer moneys; and

WHEREAS, ACORN has been implicated in several voter fraud cases throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, ACORN has recently been shown to be advising citizens to break the law; and

WHEREAS, The District Attorney of Brooklyn is currently investigating ACORN; and

WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau has recently severed its ties to ACORN; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate recently voted overwhelmingly to block Housing and Urban Development grants from being distributed to ACORN; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That moneys appropriated for the 2009-2010 state fiscal year, distributed pursuant to and as required by subdivision 5 of section 24 of the state finance law, otherwise known as member items, for the benefit of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), the New York Agency for Community Affairs (NYACA), any State chapter of ACORN registered with the Secretary of State's office, any organization that shares directors, employees, or independent contractors with ACORN, any organization that has a financial stake in ACORN, or any organization whose finances, whether federally funded, donor-funded, or raised through organizational goods and services, are shared or controlled by ACORN, not be distributed.