

Send a message to Gov. Cuomo, the State Legislature, and Wall St:



**HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT!  
PEOPLE OVER PROFITS!**

**Enough is enough!** Our communities have seen our homes taken by the banks and our public schools carved up into charters – now they are coming after our health care.

Gov. Cuomo's special workgroup on Brooklyn hospitals, chaired by a Wall St. financier, recommends changing NY law to allow investors to own or operate hospitals that are in financial trouble. They also recommend that the state be given power to dismiss hospitals' management and boards. Together these changes will allow Wall St. to take over health care even more than they already have.

*YOU'RE INVITED!*

## **PEOPLE'S POWER BREAKFAST AND SPEAK-OUT TO FIX HEALTH CARE IN BROOKLYN**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11th @ 7 am**

Outside the Brooklyn Marriott, 333 Adams St  
(near Borough Hall / Jay St / MetroTech in downtown Brooklyn)

This gathering will be the people's answer to a \$75-a-plate power breakfast inside the hotel, where health industry and Wall Street insiders will be guests of Crain's NY (the local business publication whose readers ARE the 1%) to talk about how to "Solve Brooklyn's Hospital Crisis".

Hosted by:

**Health Care for the 99% working group of Occupy Wall Street**

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## **WHO DO YOU TRUST TO FIX HOSPITALS IN BROOKLYN?**

**A. WALL STREET**

**B. THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY**

Changes to our health care should be made transparently and democratically. These life and death decisions should be made by the communities who will be affected, NOT by the bankers who caused our problems in the first place, and would profit by sticking it to taxpayers once again.

### **DID YOU KNOW ... ?**

- 20% of Brooklyn residents live in poverty. 40% of Brooklyn residents have Medicaid as their health insurance, and another 20% have no health insurance at all.
- One-third of all Brooklyn residents lack a regular doctor, so they use emergency rooms (ERs) when they get sick. 46% percent of all ER visits in Brooklyn could be better treated in the community.
- 6 of Brooklyn's 14 hospitals are almost out of money and in danger of closing: Brookdale (Brownsville), Brooklyn Hospital (Ft. Greene), Interfaith (Bedford-Stuyvesant), Kingsbrook Jewish (East Flatbush), Long Island College (Cobble Hill), and Wyckoff (Bushwick). These hospitals serve low-income communities, where most people have Medicaid or no insurance, and many are immigrants and people of color.
- Gov. Cuomo appointed a special workgroup chaired by an investment banker to suggest fixes for Brooklyn's troubled hospitals. They suggested letting private investors come in to "save" these hospitals.
- Brooklyn is fighting to keep hospitals open in low-income neighborhoods. Meanwhile, the wealthy east side of Manhattan is stuffed with well connected hospitals that grab public money, but give little care to low-income communities of color.