

MOBILE RALLY/CAR PARADE

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Information And Guidelines For Mobile Rally

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Here's what we can do

Take pics throughout Rally and **post** on your **Facebook** page and the **Rally Facebook page**, <https://bit.ly/3iz5uPb>. Post on **Twitter**, **Instagram** and/or email to mobilerrally917@gmail.com

On **Twitter** or **Instagram** please tag Governor Cuomo **@NYGovCuomo**

Hashtags: **#SaveIDDservices**,
#WillowbrookNEVERagain

Write a message to Gov Cuomo on your windshield whether in the parade or not!

Take a picture of your car in front of any special place (from Niagara Falls to the Montauk Lighthouse) to post on Social Media

REMEMBER: Bring a Picture of Your Loved One Or the Person with IDD Who is Important to You

There will be photographers and/or media on the Mario Cuomo Bridge and at Willowbrook. Perhaps along the LIE and in Albany as well. That's unfolding.

If you can please email mobilerrally917@gmail.com and tell us where you'll join
us

INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS FOR DRIVERS-you may find Google Maps and Waze helpful as well

If you have any questions please contact your Captains:

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DIRECTIONS for the CARAVANS

LONG ISLAND: Join at the most convenient spot

The Caravan will begin AT EXIT 63 – Old K-Mart Lot

WE WILL DEPART AT 8AM SHARP!

Directions to Exit 63 - Eastbound:

Take LIE to **exit 63**, North Ocean Ave. There are 3 Left turning lanes, use the second and third ones, crossing over the LIE, heading North.

You will see Applebee's and Mc Donald's on the right, Starbucks and. CitiMD on the left.
At the light, make a left, you'll see LA Fitness on the left.

Make a Right into the old K-Mart parking lot. There's plenty of parking, as the lot is now vacant.

Directions for Exit 63 Heading Westbound:

Take LIE to **Exit 63**, North Ocean Ave. make a Right at the light. You'll be heading North. Follow directions as stated above.

STOP # 1 ON LIE:

Exit 52, Commack Rd., North, Westbound Directions:

From K-Mart parking lot, make a right, onto North Ocean Ave. Head south. At the light, make a right onto the LIE service road,
Merge onto the LIE, heading west.

In order to reach Commack Rd., use **EXIT 53**, continue on the north service road until you reach the traffic light.

Make a right onto Commack Rd.

At the second light, make a right, where you'll see a Chick-Fil-A, 7-11 and the sign for Lowes. Follow the road towards the entrance of the Lowes parking lot.

The Garden Center section of the parking lot will allow for many cars to gather and prepare for the next stop, **Exit 41**.

THE CARAVAN WILL DEPART FROM LOWES AT 8:45 AM, SHARP!

STOP #2 ON LIE:

EXIT 41 To Old Sears Parking Lot

From the **LIE Exit 41**, head South on North Broadway, for .8 miles. Make a left on Nevada Street (TD BANK on corner) and after TD Bank turn right into SEARS Parking Lot. There will be attendants to guide you on where to park.

Assembly Member Missy Miller will be speaking for a few minutes in the SEARS Parking lot, and there will likely be media coverage, possibly with several media outlets.

WE WILL DEPART SEARS LOT BY 9:50 SHARP AND CARAVAN TO:

ASSEMBLY POINT FOR BRIDGE

Ardsey Rest Stop on the New York Thruway (Rte 87) on the Northbound side.

We'll be meeting up with others from NYC & Westchester. **Then at @ 11:10am we will leave Ardsley and Caravan to:**

The Mario Cuomo Bridge, which we'll cross @ 11:30am.

All vehicles can turn around at the first exit, Nyack Rte 9W and cross back over bridge.

THE CAPITOL, ALBANY: from 11:30 -12 NOON

We will be driving around the Capitol from 11:30 to 12pm.

Drive down State St. past the Capitol, turning left onto Eagle St., turning left onto Washington Ave., turning left onto Dove St. and then left again onto State St. and back around in a circle.

Please wear red and write on your car windows to let everyone know you are part of our Mobile Rally to Save I/DD Services!

Ideas for things to write on your car:

#SaveIDDServices

#WillowbrookNEVERagain

Save Disability Services

No Cuts to Disability Services

Fund Disability Services

Gov Cuomo - be our Hero

No more Cuts to I/DD Services

People with I/DD Need You Governor Cuomo

Let's move forward not back

Don't Send Us Back to the Days of Willowbrook

WILLOWBROOK:

**Staten Island – Elizabeth Connelly Resource Center (former Willowbrook State School)
930 Willowbrook Road, Staten Island, NY 10314**

Rally Point & Kickoff

Please arrive at the front gate at 930 Willowbrook Road no earlier than 10:45 am. This is the only entry point for car rally participants. From there, you will be directed where to line up your car. We will listen to a few brief words from Laura Kennedy, parent advocate, on the significance of September 17th, the 33rd anniversary of the closure of Willowbrook State School by Mario Cuomo. And we will address the horrendous concerns that advocates and families have about the future of services for the developmentally disabled. You must remain inside or next to your vehicle. Please wear a mask and do not congregate in groups. At the end of the kickoff, you will be directed on how to exit and to proceed with the Mobile Rally.

It is understandable that some cars may become separated from the caravan. Do Not Worry. The point of the caravan is to raise awareness in our community and to pass by the front entrance of the College of Staten Island, the former entrance to the Willowbrook State School.

On your back car window, please write the following:



Tweet your advocacy and pictures of the rally @NYGovCuomo and use the hashtags
#SaveIDDServices and **#WillowbrookNEVERagain**
Also consider writing this on the side windows of your car

Staten Island Mobile Rally Route

Beginning at 930 Willowbrook Road, turn right onto Forest Hill Road.

Proceed on Forest Hill Road and pass the Institute for Basic Research at 1050 Forest Hill Road.

Continue on Forest Hill Road and pass OPWDD State Offices at 1150 Forest Hill Road.

MID HUDSON

Michelle Mushlit, an independent SD Broker in Orange County, has organized a Caravan over the Hamilton Fish Newburgh Beacon Bridge. Thank you, Michelle!

THE CUTS AREN'T STOPPING, SO WHY SHOULD WE?

SEPTEMBER 17TH is just the beginning of our fight against draconian cuts

We have planned some great "Next Steps" including a Change.org Petition and an E-Card that you can send directly to Governor Cuomo. Please check the NYC FAIR Website and Facebook Page for more information!