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Common Ground



Building and Caring for the Future of New York

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on [WABC 77 Radio \(770 AM\)](#) the first edition of the **Business and Labor Coalition of New York's (BALCONY)** new radio show, "***Common Ground: Building and Caring for the Future of New York.***"

Common Ground: Building and Caring for the Future of New York featured two timely segments as we approach the April 1 NYS budget deadline.

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The BATTLE for the \$15 MINIMUM WAGE in NEW YORK STATE

Featuring Cynthia DiBartolo, President and CEO of Tigress Financial Partners, Chairperson of the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce, and Executive Board Member of BALCONY.

NYS INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET

Featuring Mike Elmendorf, President of Rebuild New York Now

The show is available as a podcast on the **WABC** website (www.wabcradio.com) and **BALCONY** website (www.balconynewyork.com) .

CARING FOR THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK STATE

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The first part of our premiere program features **Cynthia DiBartolo, President and CEO of Tigress Financial Partners, Chairperson of the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce, and Executive Board Member of BALCONY**, speaking about the importance of passing Governor Cuomo's proposed \$15 minimum wage

plan.

Cynthia DiBartolo is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Tigress Financial Partners (www.tigressfp.com), (212) 430-8700, (cdibartolo@tigressfp.com) and guides the overall strategy and direction of the firm.

**CUOMO'S MINIMUM WAGE COULD DROP OUT OF THE BUDGET.
IS THAT A SMART MOVE?**



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BUILDING THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK STATE

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Our second segment, which focuses on infrastructure, "***Building the Future of New York,***" features **Mike Elmendorf, President of Rebuild New York Now** (www.rebuildnynow.org), (518) 456-1134, (melmendorf@agcnys.org).

He was named President and CEO of the Associated General Contractors of New York State (AGC NYS) in February 2011.

**STATEMENT FROM REBUILD NY NOW
PRESIDENT MIKE ELMENDORF
ON PASSAGE OF SENATE AND ASSEMBLY ONE-HOUSE BUDGETS**



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Common Ground is hosted by **Bill Ayres**, an experienced radio personality with more than 40 years as a host on WPLJ-FM and co-hosted by **BALCONY Director Lou Gordon**, who serves as Executive Producer. **Nicholas Kapustinsky** is the show's producer.

Common Ground is a project of the BALCONY Infrastructure Initiative led by Joyce Miller of Tier One Strategies, Michael Locker of Locker Associates, David Pollak of Pegasus Capital, and Sarah Biser of McCarter & English LLP.

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