The People’s Budget Coalition for Public Health- Achievements 2011

* With a new governor and Medicaid cuts, PBC joined efforts with the Save our Safety Net- Campaign to fight for and preserve public health programs and services at the state level.
* Letter sent to all Councilmembers expressing PBC concerns about the Mayor’s Budget Modification.
* Presentand testified at Health and Hospitals Corporation Annual Public Hearings
* advocated for Child Health Clinics, circulated and collected petitions to preserve Child Health Clinics, expressed concern about HHC’s budget deficit, contracting out and layoffs.
* Adopted revenue- raising and cost-saving options proposals for the state and the city as alternatives to cutting public health programs and services.
* Scheduled meetings with Elected officials about public health priorities on the city and state level. We met with:

o   Health Committee chair Councilwoman Carmen Arroyo

o   City Council Fiscal Analyst, Pam Corbett

o   Councilwoman Margaret Chin’s Chief of Staff

o   Councilman Brad Lander

o   the Office of Management and Budget’s entire health staff

o   Councilwoman Rosie Mendez

o   Councilman Jumaane Williams

* Had a continuous presence in Committee on Finance and City Council Stated meetings.
  + PBC members presented a panel of testimonies at the City Council Health Committee Preliminary Budget Hearing.
  + Had a panel testify at the City Council Finance Committee Oversight Budget Hearing
* Restorations

o   Child Health Clinics- $5 million

o   Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative- $2.5 million

o   Mental Health for Children Under 5- $1.25 million

o   HHC’s Rapid HIV Testing- $2 million

o   Restored the Sexual Assault Response Team

o   HHC Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Clinics- $1.817 million

o   HHC PEG to the City subsidy- $3 million

o   HASA supportive housing- $5.1 million

o   HASA’s food and nutrition funding or the Momentum project- $982,000