

**New York City Fails to Protect New Yorkers' PPP/PEC Rights
Yet City Leaders Hand Over Nearly \$1 BILLION Annually
To the PPP/PEC Institutions with a Wink-and-a-Nod**

BZ/NYZS-WCS is owned by DPR. However, it is the [Cultural Institutions Unit \[CIG\]](#) of New York City's Department of Cultural Affairs [[DCA](#)] that oversees its operations, including funding for BZ/NYZS-WCS's capital and expense budgets, as well as for the other 33 CIGs members. Fourteen of the 17 PPP/PEC institutions are members of CIGs. **BZ/NYZS-WCS is a CIGs member.** Examples of New York City's failed oversight is reported in [LIST OF REFERENCES – AMNH](#) Section E. 10. to 14. below.

The Facts of the PPP	The Failure of DCA's Oversight
<p>See: DCA's "Procedures Manual" [2005].</p> <p>DCA describes City's relationship with the PEC institutions at p. 7:</p> <p>"The history of the public-private partnership between the City and the Institutions dates back to 1869, when State legislation authorized the City to construct a facility for the new American Museum of Natural History. The same legislation provided for use of that City-owned facility by the private nonprofit organization that was formed in order to acquire the collection and oversee the presentation of exhibits and programs. ***State legislation authorized the City's relationship with many of the older Institutions ..." [emphasis added]</p>	<p>Clearly DCA cannot perform proper due diligence without connecting the terms of the PEC institutions' contracts, policies and practices, to the provisions of State laws. Yet,</p> <p>[1] DCA acts in disregard to the provisions of State legislation when stating in the "Admission Fees and Tickets Prices" section of its "Procedures Manual":</p> <p>"In order to demonstrate commitment to its public service mandate, the Institution should maintain fee and ticket prices that are accessible to a broad spectrum of New York City's population. <u>Institutions should provide free or reduced-price programming to the public on a periodic basis.</u>" [emphasis added] [p. 15].</p> <p>[2] DCA expects PEC institutions to produce <u>only</u> copies of "operating agreements, licenses, or other contracts <u>with the City</u>" [see VII.B.5, p. 37].</p> <p>[3] After denying FA's initial FOIL request stating that it "generally" does <u>not</u> retain or refer to State documents, many of DCA's nearly 3,000 pages ultimately produced were copies of State laws pertaining to the structure of the PPP.</p>

New Yorkers subsidize the PEC institutions in an amount approximating \$1 BILLION annually, yet DCA's "Procedures Manual" is silent on the PEC's mandate to provide free admission.