

# Vigil honors Orlando victims



Hundreds assembled Tuesday evening at a vigil on The Commons in Ithaca in memory of those who died Sunday at the Pulse night club in Orlando.

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## Crowds gather in Ithaca to show solidarity for those killed and wounded in Sunday's mass shooting

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They came trickling in slowly on foot, the crowd growing slightly with each TCAT bus pulling up to the Seneca Street bus stop.

As Flag Day rituals closed in Dewitt Park two blocks away, dozens of colorfully-clad young, couples — both gay and straight — full families and friends, more than 300 in all, crowded Bank Alley on a moderate Tuesday night. They were there to show support and solidarity not just in a moment of tragedy, but as a show of strength in the wake of an event that will go down in history not just as the nation's deadliest mass shooting, but as an event that shook a community and its collective peace of mind.

They were there to remember the 49 shot and killed by Omar Mateen in Orlando early Sunday morning in a night club and commemorate their courage to live the lives they were born with the right to live.

Throughout the crowd, candles were distributed among the hundreds in attendance, many holding signs depicting the faces of the victims — primarily gay and Latino men — along with placards not just urging

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Katie Ballantyne, left, and Sharin Costianes, both of Ithaca, prepare candles before singing with a choir on The Commons in Ithaca Tuesday evening.



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Gwen Freeman, of Interlaken, holds a photo of one of the Pulse nightclub shooting victims Tuesday evening at a vigil on The Commons in Ithaca.



See a video from the event  
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## Ethics reform remains elusive

### NY lawmakers, Cuomo at odds

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ALBANY — With just days left in the legislative session, lawmakers and Gov. Andrew Cuomo remain at odds over a series of reforms to improve the scandal-scarred Capitol.

Good-government groups are urging leaders to not leave Albany on Thursday without a deal, saying the state is dealing with a "crime wave of corruption."

"How many more must go (to jail) before corruption-prevention measures are enacted?" said Dick Dadey, executive director of Citizens Union.

On Monday, Cuomo wrote to lawmakers urging them to back his end-of-session agenda, which includes ethics reforms and limiting the impact of the 2010 Citizens United federal court decision that allows for big money in campaigns.

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## Anti-heroin deal for Cuomo, lawmakers

### Bill aimed at tackling state's drug epidemic

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ALBANY — Gov. Andrew Cuomo and legislative leaders struck a deal Tuesday on a broad-ranging bill aimed at tackling the state's heroin and opioid epidemic, with the Legislature agreeing to put it to a vote before ending its annual session Thursday.

The legislation makes more than a dozen changes to state law. One would allow doctors to prescribe only a seven-day initial supply of opioids for most patients, rather than the current 30 days.

Other changes are aimed at insur-

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