FOR NEARLY 400 YEARS, NEW YORK CITY HAS SERVED AS A BEACON TO THE WORLD.

FROM OUR EARLIEST DAYS AS NIEUW AMSTERDAM THROUGH WAVES OF IMMIGRATION OVER DECADES, the Big Apple has attracted so many seeking refuge, economic security, the American Dream, or, simply, acceptance. As an iconic metropolis, people look to New York City for inspiration and ideas — and for generations, the culture, values, and talent incubated in New York City have influenced and helped shape the world.

YET, LIKE ALL GREAT CITIES, NEW YORK IN 2019 IS A PLACE OF STRIKING CONTRADICTIONS. We have extreme wealth alongside dire poverty and homelessness. There is unmatched cultural and population diversity amid some of the most racially segregated urban neighborhoods in the United States. Our landmark skyscrapers are recognizable worldwide, and towering high-rises are reshaping our skyline. Yet in many neighborhoods most buildings are just a few stories tall.

Our city gave rise to social justice movements and influential figures fighting for equality, and our streets are hotbeds of public activism. But we are still confronting injustice and social and economic inequities and a lack of faith in civic institutions. New York City’s subway system is one of the largest in the world, but it is decaying due to neglect and disinvestment. We have hundreds of miles of majestic waterfront, and a natural harbor, both built for commerce, but which now, in an era of climate change, are exposed and endangered.

THESE CONTRADICTIONS EXIST AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL TRENDS THAT HAVE LED TO BROAD DISTRUST IN GOVERNMENT. There is a disturbing rise in nationalism, intolerance, and authoritarianism in many countries, including ours; this impacts New Yorkers personally, reflects a turning away from the values we hold dear, and contributes to voter apathy. Across the globe, governments are failing to take necessary actions to protect the climate, address economic inequity, and secure basic human rights, requiring that global cities such as New York take the lead and form partnerships to address these issues.

As we look to 2050, the challenges facing New York City are significant, but we have faced challenges of equal measure before and prevailed. Today, we are stronger than at any time in our history. In recent years, we have embraced progressive policies that address our most pressing challenges head-on. And as we look ahead, we are committed to resolving our city’s contradictions without compromising or relinquishing our legacy of openness, inclusion, and progress.

WE STRIVE TO TRANSFORM OUR CITY FOR THE FUTURE, BUILDING ON PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND USING OUR UNPARALLELED TALENT AND RESOURCES AS AN ANTIDOTE. OneNYC 2050 aims high to achieve these goals. As New York has done so many times in the past, our city will serve as a model for the nation and the world, to repair divisions and create a better society.

Together we will build a strong and fair city.
Since the launch of the original OneNYC strategy in 2015, New York City has made significant progress toward our goals of strength and fairness, implementing progressive policies that serve all New Yorkers, provide global leadership, and secure a sustainable future.

**AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS, NEW YORK CITY HAS:**

- **ENROLLED 70,000 CHILDREN EACH YEAR IN UNIVERSAL PRE-K** and launched 3-K for All, providing a solid foundation for their education and improving the opportunities available to the next generation.

- **SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED FOR A $15-PER-HOUR MINIMUM WAGE** and strengthened worker protections and benefits, putting us on track to lift 800,000 New Yorkers out of poverty or near poverty by 2025.

- **DELIVERED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO 275,000** New Yorkers through the most ambitious affordable housing plan in the city’s history, with tens of thousands more units on the way.

- **LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR 19,000 GOOD-PAYING JOBS** in high-growth sectors through New York Works, with plans to create 100,000 jobs over 10 years.

- **CUT GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS BY 17 PERCENT** below 2005 levels amid significant population and economic growth.

- **COMMITTED TO DIVEST $5 BILLION** of the City’s pension funds from fossil fuels, and invest $4 billion into climate solutions, becoming a global leader in the divestment movement.

- **REDUCED PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES BY 45 PERCENT** with the Vision Zero initiative, making New York City’s streets the safest they’ve been since the dawn of the automobile.

- **LAUNCHED A CITYWIDE FERRY NETWORK** to address transit gaps in communities in all five boroughs.

- **REDUCED INCARCERATION RATES** to the lowest level in decades while maintaining record-low crime rates, enabling the long-overdue commitment to close Rikers Island, and bringing neighborhood policing to every neighborhood in New York City.

- **EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING** to every neighborhood in New York City, contributing to the lowest number of major crimes in the modern era.

- **ACHIEVED THE CITY’S HIGHEST-EVER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE**, the lowest-ever dropout rate, and double-digit increases in college readiness and English proficiency, with notable gains for students of color.

- **LAUNCHED THRIVENYC, A MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE** by ensuring New Yorkers who need mental health support have access to it, where and when they need it.

- **INVESTED BILLIONS OF DOLLARS** in all five boroughs to strengthen core infrastructure and support vibrant public spaces, and committed billions more to adapt our city for a changing climate.
New Yorkers can be proud of the progress we’ve made. Yet we also know there is much to be done to address critical challenges such as climate change, increasing unaffordability, and failing infrastructure that have been decades, if not generations, in the making. Now we must go further. The following pages outline 30 strategic initiatives New York City will undertake to achieve this vision for 2050.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STRATEGY, WHICH LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE, INCLUDE:

1. COMMITTING TO CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2050, and a just transition that benefits all New Yorkers. We will be a leader among global cities by pursuing steep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and sourcing 100 percent clean electricity, while creating green jobs and holding polluters responsible for climate-related costs.

2. LEADING BY EXAMPLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE by ending City purchases of unnecessary single-use plastic foodware and phasing out the purchase of processed meat, cutting beef purchasing in half, committing to a carbon neutral City fleet by 2040, pursuing expanding mandatory organics collection citywide, and undertaking comprehensive projects to mitigate climate risk, including Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency.

3. INTRODUCING CONGESTION PRICING, to reduce traffic in Manhattan and generate funds for essential subway repairs and enhancements, while dramatically improving bus service through expanded and improved bus lanes, stronger bus lane enforcement, and signal improvements that prioritize buses as they travel through city streets.

4. RECLAIMING STREETS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC by creating People Priority Zones that restrict vehicular access, create public spaces, improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve air quality. We will start with a zone in Lower Manhattan to test a potential expansion citywide.

5. GUARANTEEING HEALTH CARE for every New Yorker, to create the most comprehensive, universal coverage in the nation for uninsured New Yorkers, regardless of ability to pay or immigration status.

6. ENDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC by treating substance misuse as the public health emergency it is, investing $60 million to distribute naloxone kits and provide training, expanding peer counseling at hospitals, and deploying engagement teams alongside first responders to support people with mental health and substance misuse needs.

7. EXPANDING THE IDNYC municipal ID card to enable banking access for more than 1 million underbanked New Yorkers, saving low-income households as much as 10 percent of their paychecks from avoided fees.

8. SUPPORTING WORKING NEW YORKERS by aggressively enforcing fair wage and work regulations, supporting mandated paid personal time, expanding retirement and other benefits for workers not covered through their employer, and promoting business models, including M/WBE and worker-owned businesses, that help generate community wealth and address the racial wealth gap.

9. PROTECTING TENANTS FROM DISPLACEMENT by guaranteeing legal counsel to all New Yorkers facing eviction by 2022, creating a new office to coordinate anti-harassment efforts with advocates and community organizations, and more aggressively monitoring and penalizing unscrupulous landlords.

10. SECURING THE CITY’S FINANCIAL STABILITY by delivering capital projects on budget and on time and targeting operational efficiencies to free up funds to invest in equity strategies and preserve essential services during downturns.
NEW YORK CITY’S GREEN NEW DEAL

THE NATION IS NOW ENGAGED IN AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION ABOUT THE GREEN NEW DEAL, a bold vision to meet the twin challenges of climate change and inequality across the nation. Here in New York City, we have long recognized the connection between environmental and economic justice, and that work is already under way.

With the launch of OneNYC in 2015, New York City demonstrated the fundamental link between climate action and inclusive growth by introducing an equity lens into the city’s long-term planning.

Four years later, OneNYC 2050 is raising the bar. We recognize that we face a true climate emergency, one that requires us to transform how we live. We also recognize that effectively mobilizing to confront climate change requires a new social compact – one that strengthens our democracy, invests in our communities, promotes an inclusive economy, and addresses historic inequities. Everything we do to combat climate change and support growth must also advance human rights, public health, and economic prosperity for all New Yorkers.

In OneNYC 2050, we demonstrate a model for inclusive growth and CLIMATE ACTION with a focus on:

- **CREATING GOOD-PAYING JOBS**, including green jobs, and promoting prosperity and economic security for all.
- **ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO NATURE**, clean air, and water; climate and community resiliency; and healthy food.
- **GUARANTEEING THE RIGHT** to quality health care and education in all communities.
- **PROMOTING JUSTICE** by recognizing, and repairing the damage caused by, historic oppression of communities of color, migrant communities, youth, and other frontline and marginalized communities.

By taking action on these strategies, New York City will demonstrate not only the effectiveness of this model, but also its necessity. Our nation, and indeed our planet, deserves nothing less if we hope to secure a livable future for humanity.

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