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NYC Mayoral Candidate Art Chang Releases Climate Change and Open Streets Policy, Receives Resilience Builder Seal from Resilience PAC

[BROOKLYN, NY, 4/6/2021] — NYC Mayoral Candidate Art Chang has released his full Climate Change policy, focused not only on preventing future damage from carbon emissions and pollution, but also on preparing for the inevitable 10-foot sea rise that is likely to occur by the year 2100. As Mayor, Chang will plan to eliminate carbon emissions by 2050, while simultaneously protecting residents from this sea rise, increasing storm surges, and weather violence.

“Even if we successfully make the necessary reduction in carbon emissions, damage is already done: we will still see the seas rise, and still have an increase in violent storms. It’s only a matter of time before the next Hurricane Sandy hits. We must prepare for this now,” Chang says.

Chang has experience in doing just that. As the Project Manager on Long Island City’s Queens West development in 1994, he brought climate change-preparedness to the design. The Hunter’s Point Park was put in the ground with a marsh ecosystem, which blunts the impact of rising water and storms. The foundations of the two residential buildings were constructed within “bathtubs” to prevent damage from seawater. As a result, this community was one of only 2 waterfront developments in New York City to not lose power during Hurricane Sandy.

Chang will bring this experience and expertise to the table as Mayor in the largest low-income housing construction program in our City’s history, ensuring that all new buildings go beyond the requirements of Local Law 97 by addressing the potential impact of rising seas. In addition, the Queens West development was the first community in the city to provide Universal Broadband, which means its residents were ready to have to work and go to school from home 25 years before COVID hit.

In recognition of this future-oriented plan, Resilience PAC has awarded Chang the Resilience Builder Seal.

Chang’s plan also includes a plan to expand Open Streets and reclaim streets as civic space, reducing cars in our city, and significantly expediting our progress toward New York State’s current target of an 85% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

“I’m proud to receive the Resilience Builder Seal of approval. I have decades of experience in all corners of our City’s government, and have put climate resiliency on the table every time. As Mayor, I will be thinking beyond the next four years. My mission is to plan for the next hundred years, to ensure my children and grandchildren have a safe, healthy, equitable and resilient home here in New York City.”

The full Climate Change policy can be found here: <https://www.chang.nyc/climatechange>

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