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“NYC Needs A Mayor Who Knows How to Execute, Not Game Notoriety,” Says Mayoral Candidate Art Chang as He Releases Detailed Plan to Overhaul City Hall’s Management System

NEW YORK, NY, 4/19/2021 — NYC Mayoral Candidate Art Change releases Part 2 of his 5-Part Manifesto to Reboot City Hall, detailing solutions to the managerial problems that currently plague City Hall. “We need a Mayor who acts like a manager who leads, not a celebrity,” Chang says.

Chang, founder of twelve small businesses and public servant who co-created NYC Votes and built the climate-resilient LIC Waterfront, understands that if we actually want to enact the progressive reforms everyone’s talking about, we won’t be able to do it without an efficient and functioning City Hall. As the only candidate who’s actually made things that positively impact New Yorkers’ lives, he knows the next Mayor can’t just come up with bold ideas -- they also must plan how to execute those ideas through a transformational and participatory management style.

Chang proposes that Deputy Mayors lead small, integrated teams across issues ranging from refinancing all student loans and providing universal childcare to green public spaces and equity-based marijuana startup incubators. He also pledges a firm commitment to eliminating the never-ending, useless loop of departmental silos in City Government.

“If we are serious about tackling a health crisis, transforming police, and desegregating our schools, we will need a Mayor who can get agencies that have never worked well together to change their entire workflow,” Chang says.

With this policy, Chang highlights the interconnectivity of problems, touching on how issues like Maternal health, Universal Childcare, Education, Workforce-Development, Aging and Mental Health, Domestic and Gender Violence, Homelessness are all related to one another. Despite the intersection of these complex issues and the necessity to collaborate efficiently to fix them, the City Government has employed a top-down approach with independent divisions that operate separately and avoid sharing information; this forces New Yorkers to live in a city where the MTA doesn’t work, 311 is useless, and the COVID-19 Vaccine website is impossible to navigate.

Chang’s policy shows a vision of a Mayor “who forges a new labor-management relationship to leverage the collective knowledge and experience of the city’s frontline workers. I will invite the Municipal Labor Committee to have a seat at the table so that labor can be involved as decisions are developed, not after the fact.”

Part 2 of the policy covers a complete overhaul of City Hall’s management structure, building up organized labor, and strengthening NYC Human Resources department. The upcoming sections of the policy will cover revising the City budget, upgrading the City’s technological infrastructure, providing a Digital Bill of Rights to all residents, and revising the City Charter.

Part 2 of the Reboot City Hall Policy can be found here: <https://www.chang.nyc/rebootcityhall>

Parts 3-5 will drop throughout the day on Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20.

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