

CO-CREATOR OF NYC VOTES, THE TECHNOLOGY THAT REVOLUTIONIZED VOTING FOR ALL NEW YORKERS, RELEASES PLAN TO REBOOT ALL OF CITY HALL'S TECHNOLOGY

NEW YORK, NY, 4/20/2021 — Art Chang, Co-creator of NYC Votes and candidate for Mayor, has released Part 4 of his 5-Part Plan to completely rebuild City Hall as Mayor, from the ground up. Part 4 focuses on the dismal state of City Hall's technology, and how making technology that actually functions at a 21st-Century level will save the city time and money, and raise the standard of living for the most vulnerable New Yorkers.

In addition to generally upgrading City Hall's websites and technological infrastructure, Chang's proposal includes creating apps for NYCHA maintenance requests, an affordable housing finder, a childcare & pre-K seat finder, a restaurant app to manage applications and inspections, a citywide directory of public agencies and contacts, and rebuilding 311 as a customer service app. He would also build on the success of NYC Votes to create an elections app to manage voter registrations, set reminders, make voting plans, find out where to vote, and who's on the ballot, with all of this information auto-translated into every language New Yorkers need.

Chang also proposes better using technology within the City government, like leveraging City tax information to automatically enroll eligible people for entitlements, starting with SNAP and WIC, and better software for frontline workers to distribute supplies to communities in need.

"New York City is supposed to be the leader of the nation; the hub for creativity and innovation. Yet we can't even make a functioning website. As Mayor, I won't stand for that. Currently, the City's residents don't trust City Hall to get anything done. Building out a reliable tech infrastructure for our Government is essential in winning that trust back," says Chang.

Part 1: Overview & Case Studies, Part 2: Management, Part 3: The City Budget, and Part 4: Technology can be found at www.chang.nyc/rebootcityhall.

Part 5, Art's plan to Revise the City Charter, will be released Wednesday, April 21.

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