

**ART CHANG RELEASES DISABILITY JUSTICE POLICY, VOWS TO MAKE NYC
“THE MOST ACCESSIBLE CITY IN THE US”**

New York, NY -- Mayoral candidate Art Chang has released a Disability Justice policy, focusing on accessible streets and public spaces; a flexible school system to accommodate disabled students; upgrades to public transit, including an Access-A-Ride app that will allow for day-of pickup requests; and free admission to city-controlled cultural institutions for those with disabilities.

“The COVID pandemic exacerbated the challenges faced by the over 1 million people with disabilities in New York City, who had already struggled with 14% unemployment rates. The poverty rate of working-age New Yorkers with a disability was 30.1% 2015, versus 11% for those without disabilities,” says Chang. “Folks with disabilities have been left behind in New York City. But with 1 million disabled residents, it’s time for the next Mayor to step up and make NYC work for everyone.”

This new policy supplements Chang’s other existing policies to make New York City work for everyone, including a public school system that has an Individualized Education Plan for every student, Universal Childcare across the city, and a reboot of City Hall to revolutionize the way our government provides vital services with modernized technology.

To read Chang’s full Disability Justice policy, visit <https://www.chang.nyc/disability-justice>.

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