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## **NYC MAYORAL CANDIDATE ART CHANG'S PLATFORM FOR MILLENNIALS & GEN Z**

**New York, NY** – Just because he is a Baby Boomer himself doesn't mean that Art Chang hasn't considered a progressive, forward-thinking platform for Millennials and Gen Z.

More than 50 percent of the population of New York City comprises Millennials and Gen Z. Chang applauds these two younger generations for helping to make our City so great, especially over the last decade. And now, he wants to ensure that the City works for them.

Explains Chang, "My generation squandered opportunity after opportunity to fix even the most existential issues, like gun violence and climate doom. While we were in power, we didn't prioritize equity, leaving America behind other western nations in racial equity, gender-based violence, maternal mortality, and other forms of discrimination. Worse yet, these failures are now baked into broken checks-and-balances, scotch-taped infrastructure and other failing systems. I've heard from too many [Millennials and Gen Z'ers] that the downward decline feels like the melting Antarctic ice sheet, unstoppable and gaining momentum."

Chang's four-point Millennials & Gen Z platform includes:

- (1) a user-friendly government that is accessible, responsive, and utilizes modern technology;
- (2) infrastructure, including universal broadband and wi-fi, so that can people can easily launch new and innovative businesses right at their fingertips;
- (3) affordable housing so that people can remain in the City, the restructuring of student loan debt, common-sense financial planning, universal childcare, and benefits and protections for freelancers and gig workers; and last, but certainly not least,
- (4) preparing for climate change and protecting the City's environment.

Specific to the third point of his plan, Chang recognizes how Millennials and Gen Z are pushed out of the housing market and crushed by crippling student debt, doubting if they will ever be able to afford to raise a child in New York City. To address these challenges, he plans to build over 100,000 low-income housing units, address the student debt of 300,000 City employees and later those working in the private sector and other City residents, as well as establishing a program for employer contributions to help offset employees' student loan debt payments. A key signature part of Chang's affordability platform is to give free childcare to every parent in New York City.

Like his first-of-its-kind Arts & Entertainment Policy, Chang is the only mayoral candidate to identify and address the critical, long-term needs through the lens of Millennials and Gen Z. "These younger generations are imbued with the ingenuity and technological know-how to propel New York City to an even more vibrant and amazing city than it already is," says Chang. "But, we must provide them with the support they need on the front-end so that they can accomplish these great things. I will lead the City in doing this."

You can read Chang's full Millennial & Gen Z policy here: [www.chang.nyc/millennials-gen-z](http://www.chang.nyc/millennials-gen-z)