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ONENYC 2050 CONSISTS OF 8 GOALS AND 30 INITIATIVES TO SECURE OUR CITY’S FUTURE.

| A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY | 1. Empower all New Yorkers to participate in our democracy  
| 2. Welcome new New Yorkers from around the world and involve them fully in civic life  
| 3. Promote justice and equal rights, and build trust between New Yorkers and government  
| 4. Promote democracy and civic innovation on the global stage  
| 5. Grow the economy with good-paying jobs and prepare New Yorkers to fill them  
| 6. Provide economic security for all through fair wages and expanded benefits  
| 7. Expand the voice, ownership, and decision-making power of workers and communities  
| 8. Strengthen the City’s fiscal health to meet current and future needs  
| 9. Ensure all New Yorkers have access to safe, secure, and affordable housing  
| 10. Ensure all New Yorkers have access to neighborhood open spaces and cultural resources  
| 11. Advance shared responsibility for community safety and neighborhood policing  
| 12. Promote place-based community planning and strategies  
| 13. Guarantee high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care for all New Yorkers  
| 14. Advance equity by addressing the health and mental health needs of all communities  
| 15. Make healthy lifestyles easier in all neighborhoods  
| 16. Design a physical environment that creates the conditions for health and well-being  
| 17. Make New York City a leading national model for early childhood education  
| 18. Advance equity in K-12 opportunity and achievement  
| 19. Increase integration, diversity, and inclusion in New York City schools  
| 20. Achieve carbon neutrality and 100 percent clean electricity  
| 21. Strengthen communities, buildings, infrastructure, and the waterfront to be more resilient  
| 22. Create economic opportunities for all New Yorkers through climate action  
| 23. Fight for climate accountability and justice  
| 24. Modernize New York City’s mass transit networks  
| 25. Ensure New York City’s streets are safe and accessible  
| 26. Reduce congestion and emissions  
| 27. Strengthen connections to the region and the world  
| 28. Make forward-thinking investments in core physical infrastructure and hazard mitigation  
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A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY

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WE CANNOT FIX THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR CITY OR NATION WITHOUT FIRST FIXING OUR DEMOCRACY.

As we confront the challenges of climate change, affordable housing, and the racial wealth gap, we need an engaged, empowered public that trusts the power of democracy to improve our lives. A vibrant democracy requires participation. Yet for too long, many New Yorkers, especially communities of color, young people, immigrants, and individuals who have had an interaction with the criminal justice system, have been disengaged, disenfranchised, or shut out from local and national democratic processes.

It is easy to understand why. Nationally, our civic institutions have eroded, and voter suppression continues to be a troubling reality. Despite recent reforms, New York State’s election system has made it far too difficult to cast a ballot. On Election Day in New York City, as many as four in five registered voters stay away from the polls. Increasingly, we hear from immigrants that their documentation status has made them afraid to participate in civic life. New Yorkers want to volunteer in their communities or join a broader effort to bring change, but don’t know how to get involved. Entire communities are disconnected from the political process because of past criminal justice policies, institutionalized racism, and the widespread sentiment that City leaders aren’t listening.

We need to ensure the voice of every New Yorker is heard, participating in the democratic process becomes easier, and people learn to trust their civic institutions again. OneNYC 2050 outlines strategies to expand voting rights, ensure residents are better informed about democracy, and create opportunities for residents to directly impact their communities. We will better enable immigrants to take part in civic life, and work to ensure all New Yorkers are afforded transformative justice, basic human rights, and racial and gender equity. New York City can help shape the future of democracy in and beyond our borders. Our city — and our world — deserves nothing less.

INDICATORS
NEW YORK CITY WILL MEASURE PROGRESS BY TRACKING THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS:

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CONTEXT

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, NEW YORK CITY HAS BEEN A LEADER IN CIVIC ACTIVISM, FUELED BY ITS DIVERSE AND PASSIONATELY ENGAGED POPULATION. Historically, New Yorkers, many of whom came here from different countries and backgrounds, have participated in political and civil rights movements with the hope of creating a more equitable future for all. The Stonewall Uprising for queer liberation, the Young Lords Party for the self-determination of Latino and “third world” communities, and the shirtwaist garment workers strike — such organization and acts of resistance are examples of New York City’s central role in civil rights and social justice movements.

Today, the city has never been more diverse. Nearly 40 percent of the population is immigrants, and 68 percent of residents are people of color. We continue to welcome newcomers regardless of where they come from or their religion or sexual orientation, and we support their effort to seek opportunity and the chance to build a new life.

Yet, renewed forces of exclusion are more vocal now than ever, globally, nationally, and on our own streets. Anti-immigrant sentiment, hate crimes, nationalism, intolerance, and populism threaten the values and communities that make New York City a model of inclusion around the world, and compound existing problems of democratic engagement. Across the United States, monied interests have an outsized influence on our politics, and voter suppression, misinformation, voter fraud, and gerrymandering continue to disenfranchise communities, increase mistrust in democracy, and limit the ability of the government to be truly representative of diverse identities and beliefs.

In New York City, the federal refugee restrictions, travel bans, overly aggressive immigration enforcement, and heated rhetoric surrounding federal immigration policy have increased levels of fear and threatened to dampen participation in public life. Apathy is widespread, with many New Yorkers — especially the young and low-income voters — staying away from the polls. As few as one in five are casting ballots in nonpresidential elections, and more than 700,000 eligible New Yorkers are not registered to vote.

Voter turnout in City elections has decreased over the past two decades.
Source: Campaign Finance Board

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the global blueprint adopted by all countries at the United Nations to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all, encompassing strategies to end poverty, improve health and education, reduce inequality, spur economic growth, and tackle climate change. By demonstrating directly how OneNYC 2050 aligns with the SDGs, we strengthen our efforts to build a strong and fair city. Our goal to achieve a Vibrant Democracy supports the following SDGs:

Learn more about the SDGs online at: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs

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PROGRESS

NEW YORK CITY HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES SINCE 2015 IN THE AREAS OF CIVIC INNOVATION, IMMIGRATION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND GENDER EQUITY.

In 2018, New Yorkers answered the call to expand democracy by passing a charter reform to increase participatory budgeting, make community boards more accountable to residents, and improve civic engagement. The City created a chief democracy officer position charged with inviting residents everywhere to participate in democratic processes, both locally and nationally. We also launched the Civics for All initiative to educate students in the foundations of civic life, expanded the City’s identification card (IDNYC), and made critical resources available to immigrants facing a changing federal legal landscape.

We took bold steps to address gender-based disparities by creating the Commission on Gender Equity, which addresses issues of inequity and discrimination facing girls, women, and transgender and gender non-conforming persons. We also took significant steps to support and affirm LGBTQ communities, by launching the NYC Unity Project, the City’s first multi-agency policy and program initiative aimed at developing affirming services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and LGBTQ communities across NYC. In 2017, New York City became the safest large city in the United States, with the lowest crime and incarceration rates. This was achieved through engagement and meaningful partnerships with communities, proving that a big city can keep its residents safe through greater community involvement and less reliance on enforcement and incarceration.

New York City has also been active on the global stage. World leaders convened at the United Nations in 2015 to commit to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of eradicating poverty, fighting inequality, and addressing climate change. In 2018, New York became the first city in the world to submit a review of progress on implementing the SDGs directly to the United Nations. New York City has also established itself as a global leader in the areas of climate change and immigration, partnering with cities around the world in coalitions such as the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, and leading more than 50 cities in 2018 to advocate for the inclusion of local voices in the negotiations around the Global Compact for Migration. When the United States withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement in 2017, Mayor de Blasio took practical action by signing an executive order committing the City to the principles of the Paris Agreement, inspiring cities around the country to do the same.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM NEW YORKERS

APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT OF THE MORE THAN 14,000 RESPONDENTS TO OUR CITYWIDE SURVEY CITED TOPICS RELATED TO ACHIEVING A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY AS AMONG THE CITY’S MOST PRESSING NEEDS. These topics included a diverse, inclusive, and good government, as well as immigrant rights. Voicing a need for increased community involvement in government, one respondent suggested “further efforts to proactively involve communities in defining issues and codesigning solutions.” Another made a request for officials to “come to the neighborhoods, hear what communities have to say, and come up with a plan that makes sense for everyone.” Respondents emphasized a desire for better representation in City positions, dissemination of information to the public, and recognition of racial inequities. As one resident put it, “City agencies should be led by diverse groups to make sure there is equity in decision-making.” New Yorkers also want to see stronger protections, supportive services, and legal aid for immigrants. As one respondent said, “New York City should provide an opportunity for immigrants to access benefits without fear.”
WHAT WE WILL DO

TO CREATE A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY, THE CITY WILL ENGAGE IN A DUAL STRATEGY OF REDUCING BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC LIFE, PARTICULARLY FOR UNDERSERVED NEW YORKERS, AND EXPANDING RESOURCES TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AND BRING ABOUT MEANINGFUL CHANGE. To reduce barriers to participation, we will expand voting rights, make polling sites more language accessible, enhance legal-assistance resources for immigrants, and create programs targeting the needs of specific races and justice-involved communities. The City will ensure all New Yorkers are counted in the 2020 Census, educated in the foundations of the democratic process, equipped to combat misinformation, engaged in participatory budgeting, and better able to access economic opportunities. We will continue to be on the front lines of city diplomacy to make sure our voice is heard in global policy discussions that impact the lives of New Yorkers.

“We need further efforts to proactively involve communities in defining issues and codesigning solutions.”

– Resident of Jamaica, Queens
“Listen to all residents—old, young, and new immigrants.”

- Resident of Bushwick, Brooklyn
Empower All New Yorkers to Participate in Our Democracy

Our democracy is strongest when participation is active and widespread, with residents informing and shaping policies that impact their lives, strengthening their communities, serving their neighbors, and advocating national and global issues critical to our shared future. Only with an engaged public can we hold our political leaders accountable and fully leverage our city as a platform to drive global change. Yet voter participation and registration and citizen engagement in democratic processes are low, and vary by place. As a result, when the City seeks public input and facilitates community decision-making processes, the information it receives does not fully represent all residents equally across communities and agencies. While many organizations provide opportunities to get involved through volunteerism or community activism, these efforts do not reach everyone. Both the City and State can do more to strengthen our democracy and give all New Yorkers a voice.

Expand Voting Rights and Representation to Bring More New Yorkers to the Polls

The right to choose our government is fundamental to our democracy. Despite recent reforms, New York State’s archaic election laws have made it too difficult for many New Yorkers to exercise their right to vote, and too easy for well-funded special interests to influence the outcomes of elections. In early 2019, after years of advocacy by New York City, the State Legislature passed meaningful reforms to cap corporate contributions, introduce early voting, enable online registration, and allow 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote, among other measures. Lawmakers also began the process to allow same-day voter registration and no-excuse absentee voting — two policies the City will actively support when they come up for vote in 2020.

But we cannot stop there. To increase voter participation, the State must enact automatic voter registration and restore voting rights for citizens on parole. In parallel, the City must increase voter registration among underrepresented groups. For example, the City registered 10,000 young people during its first Student Voter Registration Day in 2018 — and intends to increase that number in 2019. We also hosted registration drives on Rikers Island to ensure the voices of justice-involved individuals are heard, and coordinated with advocates of New Yorkers with disabilities to broaden representation. These efforts will accelerate in the years ahead, with campaigns in all five boroughs encouraging more New Yorkers to exercise their right to vote.

Young people are least likely to turn out to vote, especially in nonpresidential years.

Source: New York City Campaign Finance Board

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Voter turnout varies by neighborhood.
Source: Campaign Finance Board

2017 VOTER TURNOUT BY NEIGHBORHOOD:
- Less than 18%
- 18% - 22%
- 23% - 27%
- 28% - 34%
- 34% - 40%
Projects funded by participatory budgeting since 2012 have focused on schools and community enhancements.

Source: Open Data: PBNYC
EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT

In 2018, New Yorkers voted decisively to establish a Civic Engagement Commission in order to have a greater say in policymaking. As the Commission begins its work, it will focus on three core areas:

• **IMPLEMENT PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB) CITYWIDE TO GIVE NEW YORKERS A SAY IN HOW CITY DOLLARS ARE SPENT**
  By 2020, New York City will ensure a citywide process is in place to facilitate participatory budgeting in every neighborhood — a process in which residents vote on improvement projects in their communities to fund with City capital dollars. Citywide PB builds on a program launched by the New York City Council in 2012, through which New Yorkers have directed $2.10 million to more than 700 local projects. In 2018 alone, nearly 100,000 residents in 34 of New York City’s 51 Council Districts voted to allocate more than $36 million to more than 120 projects at schools, parks, libraries, public housing, and other public spaces in their communities. Their votes count regardless of citizenship status or age. The total dollars set aside for PB — and the number of local projects that will benefit from it — will grow in the years ahead.

• **PROVIDE LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AT POLL SITES**
  The U.S. Voting Rights Act requires the New York City Board of Elections to offer interpretation services for languages (Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, and Bengali) at poll sites. Still, we need to do more in a city as diverse as New York. Beginning in 2017, the City has operated a pilot project to place interpreters at poll sites to provide assistance in other languages beyond those covered by the Voting Rights Act — including Russian, Haitian Creole, Yiddish, Polish, Italian, and Arabic in the past two years. The Civic Engagement Commission will formalize a program for providing language interpreters at poll sites to help eligible voters understand the issues, regardless of their English proficiency.

• **DEVELOP A CITYWIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY TO FOSTER GREATER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**
  At any given time, dozens of City and community organizations — including community boards, City agencies, and community-based organizations — engage with the public to gather input and distribute information at hundreds of locations across the five boroughs and online. Community spaces such as libraries, community centers, and health centers serve more people in more ways than ever before — and many are places where New Yorkers go for trusted information and access to public services. The Civic Engagement Commission will assess the current landscape of civic activity to identify best practices and resource gaps, and opportunities for partnerships, and then develop a citywide strategy to enhance and expand its efforts. It will also establish a process to provide assistance and training to community boards related to land use expertise and language interpretation, to ensure all communities have access to resources to support local review.

A CITY OF VOLUNTEERS

NEW YORK CITY IS COMMITTED TO LEVERAGING THE UNIQUE STRENGTHS OF OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, and expanding neighborhood volunteer networks across the city to give every New Yorker a chance to serve. NYC Service connects New Yorkers to volunteer opportunities in all five boroughs through online platforms such as nyc.gov/service — which features more than 800 nonprofits and City agencies, and is visited by more than 30,000 users each month. NYC Service also builds volunteer capacity among City agencies and community-based nonprofits to communicate their message, manage volunteers, engage new ones, and track impacts. Efforts are paying off: In 2018, NYC Service was able to track more than 1 million New Yorkers volunteering at more than 400 organizations — a 48 percent increase of reported volunteers since the City first began tracking volunteerism in 2014. We are committed to increasing those numbers. To learn more about how you can get involved, visit nyc.gov/service.
New York City has a robust network of community facilities that will be further leveraged through a coordinated engagement strategy.

Source: DCP
In addition, New York City will explore two new ways to promote civic connectedness and action: The first is a citywide sentiment survey that, if undertaken, would gauge New Yorkers’ satisfaction with various aspects of city life, and solicit ideas for creating a better city. The survey would elevate the diverse perspectives needed to drive change and innovation, and build on the OneNYC 2050 survey, which polled more than 14,000 New Yorkers from every New York City neighborhood over six months. The second is an event aimed at engaging all New Yorkers in civic action. Every year, more than 250,000 people move to New York City. Hundreds of thousands more New Yorkers search for ways to get involved in their communities and in issues both local and global. The City will explore hosting or partnering on an event — part festival, part New York City “orientation” — that promotes civic connectedness and activism.

LEAD A COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO COUNT EVERY NEW YORKER, AS PART OF THE 2020 CENSUS

The U.S. Census is a constitutionally mandated survey of the national population that takes place every 10 years. It is also used to determine each state’s representation in Congress, and allocate billions of federal dollars for housing, health care, community development, and other programs. Ensuring an accurate count during each Census is particularly critical to New York City, as the Census provides rich demographic data the City uses to set policy. And the stakes will be particularly high in 2020, as the federal government plans to add a question to the Census regarding citizenship status that will likely discourage thousands of immigrant New Yorkers from completing a Census form, thus reducing our overall count. New York City has joined states and municipalities from across the country to block the citizenship question. Yet even beyond this question, we recognize the urgent need to reach hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers in “hard-to-count” households — those who are unlikely to respond on their own to the Census forms, and therefore require an in-person follow-up.

Starting this year, the City is spearheading a comprehensive, multiyear effort to count every New Yorker — an effort that will also serve as a model for future Censuses in 2030 and beyond. Strategies will include:

- Digital-first tactics to encourage web responses, correct misinformation, and leverage City data to target in-person outreach most effectively
- Social media and print-ad campaigns showing how everyday experiences and essential needs are linked to the Census count, and using influencers to push messages about the importance of being counted and the confidentiality of Census responses
- Mobilization of City street teams, community organizations, and public volunteers to spread awareness and make sure every New Yorker is counted on Census Day, April 1, 2020
INCREASE DIGITAL LITERACY AND COMBAT THE MISINFORMATION AND HATE SPEECH THAT THREATENS DEMOCRACY

Maintaining the city’s democracy will increasingly depend on the digital and data literacy of New Yorkers of all ages. In 2018, more than half of all NYC 311 service requests were submitted digitally, while the 2020 Census will be the first to encourage responses via an online form. Both are examples of how engaging with government through digital platforms is becoming more commonplace. NYC Open Data — the nation’s largest free municipal data service — is a digital pathway for New Yorkers to learn more about how government works, and to use data to better understand their communities. To leverage the NYC Open Data Program, New York City will:

- **INCREMENT THE USABILITY OF THE NYC OPEN DATA PLATFORM** by improving resources through Metadata for All, continuing efforts in universal design and accessibility, and developing new product features to enable discoverability and usability of the data.

- **TRAIN STUDENTS FROM THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY)** to identify, collect, clean, and publish data from its 24 different college campuses onto NYC Open Data.

- **DEVELOP A REPOSITORY OF OPEN SOURCE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES** to empower teachers, including curriculums for teaching data, computer science, statistics, and civics using open data, and commissioning curriculums for targeted communities such as data journalists, activists, nonprofits, and New York City staff.

- **EMPOWER LOCAL ACTIVISTS AND RESEARCHERS** to publish community-collected data onto NYC Open Data and provide a civic solutions pathway for locally developed data-driven solutions.

- **SCALE CIVIC DATA LITERACY EFFORTS** by training volunteers across all five boroughs to provide NYC Open Data training at libraries and other community centers.

- **INCUBATE THE FIRST NYC OPEN DATA ADVISORY COUNCIL,** composed of leaders from academia, nonprofits, civic technology organizations, and City agencies, which will inform the vision and expansion of the City’s Open Data program.

We also recognize the threats posed by coordinated online misinformation during elections and other important public campaigns. As such, New York City will educate New Yorkers to identify and combat misinformation by expanding the City’s free NYC Secure App, launch public awareness campaigns, and leverage the City’s various communications channels at critical moments. Launched in 2018, NYC Secure has become a model for how to effectively inform residents to protect their smartphones from cyberattacks and data breaches. To build on this progress, NYC Cyber Command (NYC3), an organization created by executive order to lead the City’s digital defense efforts, will enhance the application in future iterations to better safeguard users’ digital lives. Through a partnership among NYC3, New York City’s chief democracy officer, and leaders across local government, we will launch public awareness campaigns concerning digital content and recognizing misinformation, especially during critical moments such as Election Day.
EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION OF NEW YORKERS TO BECOME INFORMED RESIDENTS AND ACTIVISTS

A vibrant democracy depends on the passion and engagement of young adults. Activating youth is a core strategy to promote civic leadership and foster a diverse and inclusive government. To support and promote youth involvement in civic action, New York City will:

• TEACH STUDENTS ACROSS THE CITY ABOUT THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY
  New York City believes teaching the foundations of American government and the democratic process is necessary to building more-engaged, active future citizens and informed voters. Launched in 2018, Civics for All is an interactive, culturally relevant civics education program that will be available to all grade levels in all communities by fall 2019. The curriculum uses real-life learning opportunities — including research projects, participatory budgeting, field trips, week-long celebrations of civic engagement, and public-speaking competitions — to cultivate future generations of engaged, active, and informed leaders.

• PROMOTE COMMUNITY ORGANIZING THROUGH A YOUTH DEMOCRACY CORPS AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCILS
  The City will train a segment of the 70,000 annual Summer Youth Employment Program participants in the fundamentals of economic democracy, the belief that major economic decisions should be made by broad stakeholders, including the public, not just corporate shareholders. These interns between the ages of 14 and 24 will work on the 2020 Census and other initiatives focused on civic engagement, community organizing, and grassroots change. The City will also grow the number of NYC Youth Leadership Councils (YLC) to 300 in City agencies, NYPD precincts, schools, and nonprofits across the city by 2021. These YLCs will enable 4,500 high school youth from diverse communities and socioeconomic backgrounds to influence City policies.
OUR DIVERSE IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS FUEL THE DYNAMISM OF OUR SOCIETY, OUR ECONOMY, AND OUR DEMOCRACY.

New York City is home to more than three million foreign-born residents. More than half have naturalized, but some 1.5 million remain noncitizens. Moreover, more than one million households are of mixed status, meaning they have at least one undocumented family member. In this city of immigrants, we are committed to doing more to help New Yorkers from around the world thrive in the city’s civic life. New York City will strengthen our reputation as a welcoming city for individuals of all documentation statuses, and help all immigrants integrate into the civic, economic, and social fabric.

EXPAND THE REACH OF IDNYC

IDNYC, the City’s municipal identification card, was launched in 2015 and has grown to more than 1.2 million cardholders. The program reaches those in highest need of identification and access to services, as well as those seeking additional opportunities to engage in the cultural life of the city. With the unprecedented reach of this program in traditionally underserved communities such as disconnected youth, the homeless, undocumented immigrants, and LGBTQ residents, IDNYC represents an important opportunity to provide more and deeper connections to services and supports. To better serve IDNYC cardholders, the City is exploring IDNYC functionality that would give cardholders the choice to opt in to low-cost banking services like low-cost cash-loading, withdrawals, and debit card purchases in order to expand its banking utility beyond the 14 existing banks and credit unions that currently accept the card.

More than one in three New Yorkers is foreign born, and nearly one in five is a noncitizen.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
RAISE NATURALIZATION RATES THROUGH TARGETED OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE

Increasing immigrant access to citizenship is a powerful tool for fighting poverty, and has been shown to lead to higher rates of home ownership, better pay, increased political participation, and protection from deportation. Naturalized citizens can vote in national and local elections, are protected from deportation, travel with a U.S. passport, qualify for federal government jobs, and can access the same government benefits as U.S.-born citizens. Expanding citizenship pathways helps immigrants achieve greater economic, social, and political stability. Naturalization also benefits New York City as a whole. A 2015 report commissioned by the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) found that government benefit expenditures would decline by $34 million if all residents went through the process of naturalization.

The City is exploring methods of raising the naturalization rate among those who are eligible to naturalize but have not yet done so. Importantly, a substantial number of these immigrants are eligible for full or partial waivers of the federal application fees, and may therefore apply for free or at half the cost, thereby helping to address one of the major barriers to seeking citizenship. In addition, the City is exploring ways of empowering newly naturalized New Yorkers to impact policy and become leaders in their community, through expanded voter education, voter registration, language access at the polls, and other forms of civic participation.

Non-naturalized and undocumented immigrants earn lower median incomes than the citywide average.

Source: MOIA
PROTECT AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT NEW AND UNDOCUMENTED NEW YORKERS

Recently arrived New Yorkers, especially those lacking documentation, have long faced exploitation and challenges accessing services. Policy changes and increased immigration enforcement at the federal level have created particularly acute needs for immigrant New Yorkers already navigating a complex and broken immigration system. New York City will:

- **PROVIDE DEPORTATION ASSISTANCE IN THE FACE OF OVERAGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT**
  Through City-managed legal services, programs such as ActionNYC, the Immigrant Opportunities Initiative, and others, the City facilitates the provision of high-quality advice and representation, and helps trusted providers build their capacity to assist immigrant communities. The City has dramatically expanded funding for these services in recent years, paying particular attention to addressing crises precipitated by federal policy changes such as the travel ban, family separation, and attempts to terminate Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations. The City is exploring avenues to expand legal representation even further.

- **GUARANTEE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS**
  Recognizing that inequities persist in health care access for immigrant residents — and in particular, undocumented immigrants — the City will guarantee access to care for all. The NYC Care initiative, set to launch in the Bronx in the summer of 2019, will provide support to uninsured and underinsured residents, including a population of undocumented residents estimated at about 300,000 — a number that is expected to rise due to the chilling effects created by the proposed federal public charge rule and ongoing immigration enforcement concerns. The City is undertaking a large-scale effort to connect any and all residents in need of health care services, regardless of their immigration status. (see more in Healthy Lives).

- **PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS TO PREVENT EXPLOITATION AND UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES**
  Low-wage workers, a disproportionate number of whom are immigrants, are at increased risk of being victimized by unfair labor practices. In New York City, low-wage immigrant workers are more than twice as likely as other low-wage workers to be paid below the minimum wage. The City is exploring expansions of legal services for workers, as well as legislative, policy, and public education measures to address unfair practices in immigrant-dense sectors with high rates of exploitation, including home care, nail salons, taxi services, and the construction industry.

- **ADVOCATE FOR DRIVER LICENSES FOR UNDOCUMENTED NEW YORKERS**
  The City’s IDNYC program has helped address the need for valid government-issued identification, but does not grant permission to drive. The exclusion of undocumented immigrants from State driver licenses denies tens to hundreds of thousands of residents the ability to drive their children to school, drive a family member to a doctor’s appointment, or find work to support themselves and their families. Based on so many other jurisdictions (12 states, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) offering all of their residents the opportunity to apply for a driver license suggests that doing so is good for everyone — not just the immigrants who gain eligibility for licensure. Issuing licenses to all may increase the willingness of immigrants to engage with law enforcement, lower auto insurance premiums, and increase the safety of everyone on the roads by ensuring all drivers have passed a driving test. The City will continue to advocate for this measure to be adopted by the State Legislature.

The City-funded New York Immigrant Family Unity Project has increased the rate of clients avoiding deportation to 48 percent from 4 percent — a remarkable 11x increase.
New York has always been a city of immigrants, with diverse people from around the globe coming here to make a better life for themselves and their families. This influx of immigrants is an integral part of our city fabric, shaping our identity as an open and welcoming place that values equality and inclusion. In today’s immigration climate, it is essential to highlight that immigration does not undermine American success, but rather we must stand strong against the attacks that threaten the character of the five boroughs.

At almost 40 percent of New York City’s population, and nearly half our total workforce, immigrants are undeniably integral to the city’s economy, bringing diverse skills and multilingual assets to the workforce. They also make up significant percentages of key sectors, including food service, construction, health care, and retail, wherein the City is investing to build industry partnerships and career pathways.

In addition to providing significant economic benefits, immigrants are a vital part of New York City communities. With more than 200 languages spoken in immigrant-majority neighborhoods, New York City epitomizes a dynamic melting pot, with diverse activities, cultural institutions, stores, and restaurants with global cuisines. The continuing inflow of immigrants should be a lasting source of pride for all New Yorkers.

“A CITY OF IMMIGRANTS

“New York City was built by hard-working immigrants. We should be the national leader in immigrant safety and rights today.”

- Resident of Woodside, Queens
HUNDREDS OF MUSLIMS PRAY OUTSIDE BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL TO PROTEST THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER RESTRICTING IMMIGRATION FROM SEVEN MUSLIM-MAJORITY COUNTRIES.

Source: Michael Appleton/Mayoral Photography Office
WE LIVE IN THE SAFEST BIG CITY IN THE UNITED STATES WITH THE LOWEST INCARCERATION RATE OF ALL LARGE U.S. CITIES. WE ARE ALSO A BEACON OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, WELCOMING AND EMBRACING PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS.

We must commit further to neighborhood safety and justice. Democratizing how we keep the peace will make our city even safer and fairer. This means tipping the balance from relying primarily on law enforcement to sharing this work with residents of all ages, community-based organizations, and city agencies. It also means acting on the decades of research and experience demonstrating that safety is the organic result of access to learning, work, and play, along with revitalized environments that bring people together and promote civic engagement.

The City, through the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice supports and promotes approaches rooted in the idea that safety should be a collaborative effort between residents and their government especially in neighborhoods with elevated levels of crime and a history of both discrimination and disinvestment. Through a set of signature initiatives, the City is engaging local leaders, community-based organizations, and residents in efforts to build durable and lasting peace and create more trust in government.

We must also commit to equal rights for all. Every year, thousands come to New York City because they believe that — on account of their gender identity, sexual orientation, race, or religion — they have a better chance of building a successful life here than where they came from. We must uphold that belief by creating a government that reflects and represents our diverse population, and lead the national conversation on identity and equal rights.
BRING TOGETHER RESIDENTS, AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO INCREASE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND TRUST

The Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety (MAP), launched in July 2014. This complex City initiative channels resources into 15 high-need public-housing developments and surrounding neighborhoods, and, more significantly, creates a larger role for residents in improving their own communities — because stronger neighborhoods are also safer ones. In 2016, MAP launched NeighborhoodStat (NSTAT), a problem identification and solving process that brings together residents, government, and nonprofits. MAP enhanced NSTAT in 2018 by expanding it to the local level in all 15 MAP communities. Facilitated by MAP engagement coordinators, local NSTAT meetings are led by stakeholder teams made up of residents and partners from over 10 City agencies who gather to discuss issues of concern, identify common goals, and begin the process of organizing people and resources to implement real change. As NSTAT ensures more residents have the opportunity to have their voices heard, the City will continue to support it.

SAFELY REDUCE THE CITY’S JAIL POPULATION

THE CITY’S GOAL IS TO OPERATE THE SMALLEST JAIL SYSTEM POSSIBLE WITHOUT COMPROMISING PUBLIC SAFETY. This is a matter of justice: no one should ever be incarcerated who does not pose a risk, either to public safety or of not returning to court. And those who are in jail should be matched with programs in jail in an effort to address their needs and form connections with community-based supports, thereby helping them reintegrate into their communities upon release — a model that can successfully reduce recidivism and encourage positive, productive outcomes.

To meet this goal, the City released “Smaller, Safer, Fairer: A Roadmap to Closing Rikers Island” in 2017, detailing 18 concrete strategies that will move the City toward a smaller jail population, safer facilities, and fairer culture inside jails. In 2014, there were more than 11,000 people in city jails. By the end of 2018, that number had dropped 30 percent to below 8,000 — the lowest since 1980. By continuing these strategies to reduce the number of people who enter jail, and the amount of time people spend in jail, the City will work toward the goal of safely reducing the size of the jail population to 7,000 by 2022. (Learn more about the City’s neighborhood justice strategies in Thriving Neighborhoods.)

INVEST IN COMMUNITIES WORKING TO END GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW YORK CITY

The Mayor’s Office to Prevent Gun Violence (OPGV) serves as a coordinating agency, linking City initiatives, community-based nonprofit organizations, and everyday New Yorkers to partner in creating healthy, vibrant communities and addressing the causes and traumas of gun violence in New York City. The City, through OPGV, is built on the understanding that violence is a crisis with roots in structural racism, economic distress, trauma, and behavioral and public health. Community engagement, a true partnership with the people and organizations most affected by gun violence, is at the center of OPGV’s approach. City programs, such as the Peer Leadership Council and Safe in the City grants, enable the participation of youth in community responses to violence, and fund residents who are positioned to create the strongest impact within their own communities.

In 2018, the City announced an additional $34 million investment in evidence-based strategies to prevent gun violence throughout the city. The new funding will enable OPGV to launch five mobile trauma units, expand the Crisis Management System with four new locations in the Bronx and Brooklyn, hire six new domestic violence coordinators, and support the formation of a new public safety coalition in Bushwick, following the success of the first coalition in East Flatbush (see more in Thriving Neighborhoods).
ADVANCE DIVERSITY IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

A democratic government must be representative of its population. To that end, the City will create a Borough Civic Leadership Academy in partnership with borough presidents to increase the pool of candidates prepared for public leadership opportunities. The academy aims to create an equitable leadership pipeline by recruiting New Yorkers who are representative of diverse race, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other backgrounds to serve in civic leadership positions around the City.

Cultural institutions in New York City must also reflect the city’s diversity of age, race, gender, and disability. In 2016, the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) found that only 38 percent of employees at cultural organizations are people of color. To promote equity in the cultural workforce at City-supported institutions, DCLA will continue to support the CUNY Cultural Corps, a program that places undergraduate students in paid internships at the city’s cultural organizations. To help junior-level staff grow into the next generation of cultural leaders, DCLA will pilot a professional development program for cultural workers as an investment in the future of our students, our cultural organizations, and our City.

Through these efforts, the City will aim to build an inclusive leadership pipeline by recruiting, training, and preparing a diverse group of New Yorkers to meaningfully participate in public service in and out of City government.

ADVANCE GENDER EQUITY BY ENGAGING DIVERSE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Conversations to advance gender equity must include voices that are representative of the city’s diverse population, including the spectrum of gender identity, age, race, and immigration status. Among the strategies the City is exploring are hosting gender equity summits across the city to gather feedback on program offerings; building a network of cisgender and transgender males to help change culturally informed norms of masculinity, and foster the accountability of men for advancing gender equity for all New Yorkers; and engaging youth who represent diverse gender identities, sexual orientations, and backgrounds in conversations on gender equity to inform program offerings that increase youth voice in City agency work.

ADVANCE LGBTQ EQUITY CITYWIDE

The NYC Unity Project — the City’s multi-agency strategy to deliver services to LGBTQ young people — will continue to engage its diverse stakeholders, including its Youth Council and Faith Network, to ensure programs and services support LGBTQ communities. Given high poverty, homelessness, and unemployment across LGBTQ communities, the Unity Project will build upon commitments aimed at ensuring greater LGBTQ equity in employment services and homelessness prevention programs.

EDUCATE NEW YORKERS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS

New Yorkers must have greater knowledge of human rights and human rights law to understand global challenges and engage local government to ensure their rights are protected. To this end, the New York City Commission on Human Rights will continue to enforce and educate the public about the City Human Rights Law, the nation’s most progressive and expansive civil rights legislation. The commission will continue to conduct educational workshops, town halls, roundtables, and listening sessions in multiple languages to educate New Yorkers about discrimination based on race, religion, disability, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation.

The New York City Commission on Human Rights will also deepen after-school and community-based programs to empower youth with rights-based information and promote self-confidence, pride, and a sense of responsibility to one another. For example, a peer-mediation program de-escalates tension between students, as well as empowering them to create their own solutions to conflict. Other Commission programs for youth focus on empowerment of young women, dismantling white supremacy, and human rights education, such as equitable quality education and gender equality.
THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD’S POPULATION NOW LIVES IN CITIES — AND THE SHARE IS GROWING, MAKING THE ROLE OF CITY GOVERNMENTS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. Cities stand on the front lines of challenges such as climate change, inequality, and migration, even as some national governments abandon global commitments on these issues. As host city to the United Nations and home to the largest diplomatic community in the world, New York City is uniquely positioned to ensure cities have a say in global policy decisions that impact the lives of New Yorkers. New York City will work with cities around the world to strengthen efforts to promote democracy and civic innovation worldwide.

PROVIDE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE, MIGRATION, AND OTHER SHARED CHALLENGES

When the United States withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement in 2017, Mayor de Blasio took practical action by signing an executive order the very next day committing New York City to the principles of the Paris Agreement, inspiring cities around the country to do the same. A few months later, we became the first city in the world to publish a plan to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. These actions build upon our longstanding leadership in the area of climate change, having partnered with cities across the world in coalitions such as the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group. Additionally, New York City is at the forefront of global migration advocacy. While local governments don’t get to decide who comes to our cities, we are responsible for the well-being and inclusion of our new arrivals, from access to education and health care, to their relationships with law enforcement. Cities have a responsibility to make sure our new neighbors have the resources to thrive. That’s why we assembled a coalition of 50 cities to advocate for the inclusion of local voices in the global migration dialogue. We will continue to lift up the collective voices of cities in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, pressing for measures such as expanded access to public services for immigrants worldwide, ensuring access to proof of identity, and more. Despite New York City’s progress, we remain a city with daunting challenges, just like the global community we reflect. At the same time, New York City is a hub for finance, tech, and creativity, and is therefore a place of opportunity and ultimately hope for the world. We will continue to engage in city diplomacy to both learn from municipalities around the world, and share the strategies that have succeeded here.

LEVERAGE SDGS AS A FRAMEWORK TO SHARE SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

New York City is committed to doing its part to realize the SDGs. The Mayor’s Office for International Affairs (IA) established the Global Vision | Urban Action program to share New York City’s innovations in sustainability with cities and countries from around the world. Through this program, the City invites the diplomatic corps to visit communities to see firsthand how the City is implementing SDGs at the local level, and to discuss shared challenges. In turn, New York City represents local voices at the UN to infuse our city’s perspective into global policy discussions regarding the implementation of the SDGs. We will continue to strengthen New York City’s relationships with cities across the world to help achieve all 17 SDGs by 2030.

EMPOWER STUDENTS TO LEAD ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Youth engagement is key to achieving the SDGs. We will continue to empower youth through the NYC Junior Ambassadors program. This program empowers seventh graders (ages 11–13) to become global citizens actively engaged with the United Nations and its mission of addressing the most pressing challenges in the world through curated tours of the United Nations, classroom visits from diplomats, and a community project designed to address the priorities selected by each class.
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the global blueprint adopted by all countries at the United Nations to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. In 2018, New York became the first city in the world to submit to the United Nations a review of progress on implementing the SDGs.
THE PATH FORWARD

TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS, WE MUST HAVE A PLAN AND HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE. Here, we identify the actions that are necessary to achieve our goals, the owners of each action, and the indicators that will help us measure progress and ensure success. We are also constantly working to raise our ambitions, with several opportunities in the near future to add more detail to select indicators and targets. For further information and a complete set of interim milestones, see our detailed action plans at nyc.gov/OneNYC.

| INITIATIVE #1: EMPOWER ALL NEW YORKERS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR DEMOCRACY |
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| STEPS TO GET THERE | AGENCY OWNER | FUNDING STATUS |
| Expand voting rights and representation to bring more New Yorkers to the polls | CDO | Funded |
| Expand opportunities for democratic engagement | CEC | Partially Funded |
| Lead a comprehensive effort to count every New Yorker, as part of the 2020 Census | Director of Census | Partially Funded |
| Increase digital literacy and combat the misinformation and digital hate speech that threatens democracy | MOCTO, CDO | TBD |
| Empower the next generation of New Yorkers to become informed residents and activists | DOE, DYCD, NYC Service, CCHR | Funded |

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<td>21.5% (2017)</td>
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<td>1M (2017)</td>
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| INITIATIVE #2: WELCOME NEW NEW YORKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND INVOLVE THEM FULLY IN CIVIC LIFE |
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| STEPS TO GET THERE | AGENCY OWNER | FUNDING STATUS |
| Expand the reach of IDNYC | MOIA | TBD |
| Raise naturalization rates through targeted outreach and assistance | MOIA | TBD |
| Protect and provide resources to new and undocumented New Yorkers | MOIA, DCWP | Partially Funded |

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<td>Eligible foreign-born New Yorkers who are not naturalized</td>
<td>660K (2018)</td>
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<td>Poverty-rate disparity between immigrant and U.S.-born households</td>
<td>5.4 pts (2018)</td>
<td>Reduce by 50% by 2030</td>
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### Initiative #3: Promote Justice and Equal Rights, and Build Trust Between New Yorkers and Government

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<td>Major felony crimes</td>
<td>95,883 (2018)</td>
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<td>Average daily jail population</td>
<td>8,896 (FY2018)</td>
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### Initiative #4: Promote Democracy and Civic Innovation on the Global Stage

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

BUILDING A STRONG AND FAIR CITY WILL REQUIRE THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF ALL NEW YORKERS. HERE ARE A FEW EASY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE:

1. **GET AN IDNYC**, a government-issued identification card for all City residents ages 10 and older, regardless of immigration status. Use it to access City services, public libraries, banks and credit unions, and a full package of exciting benefits that includes free one-year memberships at 40 of the city’s leading cultural institutions, as well as discounts on basic necessities and New York City attractions.

2. **SIGN UP FOR AMERICORPS**. Serve New York City through a 10–12 month AmeriCorps program with community-based organizations or agencies. City Service Corps directly impacts New York City residents by developing and implementing programs at a City agency; NYC Civic Corps develops volunteer management programs at New York City nonprofits to address critical needs across the City; and NYC VISTA addresses poverty and enhances equity across New York City by building program capacity at City agencies.

3. **LEARN ABOUT PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING** and help select projects for your neighborhood. Help your community decide how to spend part of $1 million of the public budget through participatory budgeting. Find out whether your District is participating, and propose and vote on projects such as improvements to schools, parks, libraries, public housing, and other public or community spaces. If you want to do more, volunteer to help develop concrete proposals for the ballot, operate vote sites, or join a committee.

4. **VOLUNTEER THROUGH NYC SERVICE**. Volunteer as an individual or coordinate a group to serve a local organization by searching NYC Service’s online platform or mobile app. Find opportunities that match your interest areas, location, skill set, age, and group size. Volunteer with local nonprofits or City agencies to address such needs as park cleanliness, healthy aging, public safety, and inmate well-being.

5. **HELP MORE NEW YORKERS VOTE**. Register to vote, and sign up to register all eligible New Yorkers in your community. Support Get Out The Vote efforts to drive turnout before elections, and apply to be a volunteer at your local polling place. Become a 2020 Census ambassador to make sure every New Yorker gets counted.

For more ways you can get involved, visit [NYC.GOV/OneNYC](http://NYC.GOV/OneNYC).
Share your story of taking action on social media and tag us at [#OneNYC](http://#OneNYC).
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