Mayor

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As New Yorkers we know that the 2008 economic collapse & Super Storm Sandy intensified a decline in the quality of jobs, housing, health care, & education.

A sustainable environment that addresses these issues can reverse this downward spiral.

As mayor I would phase out fossil fuels that are responsible for the rise in asthma and other respiratory diseases that afflict us; and phase in solar, wind & wave energy.

Currently, a record 53,000 children live on the streets and in shelters — a 500% increase over 2008. Going to school, many students confront the ugly prospect of being stopped and frisked by a police department whom the richest mayor in history called "my own army." Yet, the reason why he is still mayor is that 29 City Council Democrats overruled 2 public referenda to let him have his third term.

I would halt stop and frisk & decriminalize marijuana possession. In LA and New Orleans, violent crime is down further in % terms without stop & frisk.

To provide a first-class education like I received, I would cap classroom size at 20 like the private school where Bloomberg sent his children. I would fund pre-school programs for every child; & bring back gym, art, & music classes — & offer ecology classes.

To encourage respect for nature, every public school would adopt a community garden or maintain a greenhouse. Closing public schools, as well as public hospitals, is outrageous. Financing would come from the top 1% who rake in 45% of all city income, another historic high.

Reintroduction of the stock transfer tax in effect from 1905 to 1980 would generate \$16 billion annually. Restoring the commuter tax & an increase in the personal income tax on those annually earning over \$250,000 to where it was in the 1970s would wipe out the city deficit and provide for very affordable housing. As a NYC native & Columbia University graduate, our city is my living room, my laboratory, my life. I would never sacrifice the general welfare to Wall Street as the 2 major party candidates have had to do in their insatiable quest for campaign funds.

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