THE 2017 MAYORAL CAMPAIGN
GREEN BUILDING ROADMAP

Maintain New York City’s national leadership on climate change by upgrading its buildings, training its workforce and streamlining energy efficiency.
UPGRADE BUILDINGS

Building upgrades keep jobs and money in the city, while making the places where we live, learn and work more comfortable, healthy and resilient. NYC should chart a path for long-term carbon reductions, setting a course for all big cities. It’s time for NYC to say goodbye to drafts, clanging pipes and flickering lights.

- Establish a long-term carbon reduction path for buildings, including the establishment of performance requirements that include all fuels for new and existing buildings.
- Lead the way by incentivizing hyper-efficient, resilient and healthy new private-sector buildings and by requiring decarbonization and retrofits of municipal buildings. Improve energy efficiency in small buildings, beginning with transparency at the time of sale.
- Pilot enhanced fresh air in new schools to improve academic performance.
TRAIN THE WORKFORCE

A highly trained workforce means buildings that are better designed, constructed and operated. It means local jobs that command higher salaries, and exportable design and development skills.

- Expand energy efficiency training for operators and property managers, providing resources for existing high-quality programs.
- Educate architects, engineers and developers on emerging design strategies for cost-effective, hyper-efficient buildings.
- Train licensed home contractors on green, energy code-compliant construction.
STREAMLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Regulation isn’t the only path to unlocking more healthy and energy-efficient buildings. We can also make upgrades easier and standards smarter. We can provide better access to financing and energy efficient products.

- Make energy efficiency easier by removing regulatory barriers and providing easy access to financing that can be paid back on tax bills.
- Boost the impact of energy audits by raising standards for auditors and helping owners act on audit recommendations.
- Increase the availability of products that meet or exceed codes.