

### **NUMBER ONE: EDUCATION REFORM**

New York City's public schools face a critical challenge with soaring absenteeism, declining enrollment, and stagnant academic results despite significant funding. To reverse this trend, we will enact comprehensive reforms. We will unify school safety and truancy officers into a dedicated taskforce to proactively combat absenteeism and ensure school safety. Simultaneously, we will integrate robust trade-based education into the standard curriculum, providing students with valuable real-world skills and career pathways. Furthermore, we will invest in enriching secondary education programs offering academic support alongside vital skills like financial literacy, technology, and the arts. This multifaceted approach will re-engage students, provide diverse learning opportunities, and ensure a safe and supportive environment where every child can succeed and our significant educational investments yield tangible results.

### **NUMBER TWO: SMALL BUSINESS ACTION NETWORK GUILD**

To ensure New York City's economic vitality, we must address counterproductive policies. Congestion pricing, while aimed at reducing traffic, imposes undue burdens; therefore, we propose exempting teachers and first responders (NYPD, FDNY, and EMTs) from tolls and mandating an independent audit of the MTA to rectify the financial issues that prompted its implementation. Simultaneously, to support our small businesses, the backbone of New York's economy, we advocate for economic relief for those utilizing New York City and New York State vendors for wholesale and manufactured goods. These measures will foster a more equitable and sustainable economic environment for all New Yorkers.

### **NUMBER THREE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Enhanced Cooperative Ownership Policy**

The New York City Housing Authority is more than 45 billion dollars behind in renovations, repairs and upgrades. Last year 55 current and 15 former NYCHA superintendents were charged with bribery, extortion and corruption. Their current model is a failure that can't be fixed. It has to be completely overhauled. My policy is targeted to re-imagine public housing by creating enhanced Mitchell-Lama style cooperatives for moderate- and middle-income residents, offering below-market shares and a unique shared equity model for its residents. . When a unit is sold, the increased value is divided: one-third goes to NYCHA for essential public housing funding, one-third reinvests in the cooperative itself, and one-third returns to the seller. This innovative approach empowers residents to build equity while simultaneously creating a sustainable funding source to strengthen our public housing and foster a more connected and thriving neighborhood for all.