Green New Deal for New York City Campaign Pledge

I, _____ , agree to advocate and vote for legislation and budgeting for a Green New Deal, which includes the following critical policies:

Creating Good Jobs by Cleaning up Wasteful, Polluting Buildings

★ Properly fund and enforce Local Law 97 to clean up both private and public large buildings.
★ Enact equitable requirements to slash climate pollution for small- and mid-size buildings (not currently covered by Local Law 97) that do not raise costs for non-affluent home-owners or home-buyers.
★ Fund NYCHA to properly maintain and upgrade the entire system, in conjunction with state and federal funding.
★ Pay for replacing all gas stoves from public and rent-regulated housing to improve indoor air quality and reduce asthma.
★ Implement composting city-wide to reduce solid waste pollution from buildings, which creates good jobs.
★ Tie all city funding to high-road labor standards, including maximizing union jobs and hiring from low-income communities of color into career-track jobs.

Ending Fossil Fuel Infrastructure

★ Ban gas hook ups in new developments and major renovations.
★ Retire all oil and gas infrastructure in New York City using the city's authority to the maximum extent possible.
★ Oppose all new gas infrastructure, including siting of new pipelines and power plants, which is largely controlled by New York state government.

★ Advocate for a rapid and just retirement of all existing large-scale gas infrastructure (pipelines, storage, distribution, and power plants) by the state.
★ Complete fossil fuel divestment by the pension funds and use the funds' shareholder voting power to require corporations to shift to 100% renewable energy and zero emissions by 2035.
★ Advocate to change state and federal law to allow the city to limit procurement of finance, insurance and other services from firms that have not divested from fossil fuels and do not insure fossil fuels.
★ Take over Con Ed and National Grid, the private utilities, through state legislation or city municipalization.
★ Move NYC government's electrical power purchasing to 100% renewable energy generated in New York state, including by developing publicly-owned wind and solar power and transmission into the city.

Clean Transportation

★ Greatly increase city funding for mass transit.
★ Massively expand bus service, especially in low-income and communities of color.
★ Implement safe street designs city-wide and prioritize biking.
★ Implement commercial waste transfer zoning.
★ Electrify the city's vehicle fleet, as well as MTA buses.
★ Advocate to the federal government (as well as California and other states following California) for car mileage standards to end new gas powered car sales by 2025, subsidize transit, and subsidize low-income car-dependent owners to purchase e-vehicles through a "cash for clunkers" program.

Candidates for New York City Council and city-wide offices in support of this program should sign onto the pledge by filling out this form. This column also lays out some details and context for these proposals.