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NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE (NYC-EJA) REACTS TO THE RELEASE OF NYC'S FIRST-EVER ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PLAN

Read the full draft plan here.

New York, NY – NYC-EJA lauds the Mamdani Administration for releasing the City's first-ever environmental justice plan, *EJNYC All In*. For too long, the City has gone without acknowledging the disproportionate impacts of climate change on the health of low-income or communities of color. We thank City officials such as City Chief Climate Officer, Louise Yeung, for ushering in a new era, hopefully geared toward climate justice.

NYC-EJA has been a leader in researching and advocating for climate justice since 1991. In the coming days, we will be reviewing the draft of the City's *EJNYC All In* plan to assess how it incorporates recommendations from our 2024-2025 NYC Climate Justice Agenda (CJA), which was prepared for the previous mayoral administration. The recommendations and conclusions in our 2024-2025 CJA were heavily informed by our member organizations – grassroots organizations from all 5 boroughs fighting against the burden of environmental inequity in their own communities. As we review the City's EJNYC plan, we hope to see that the current administration recognizes that action is louder than words. We will be looking at the plan with a keen eye to note how the plan suggests altering policies, laws, and regulations to cement fundamental structural and systemic change in and around our member communities. Just from a brief look, we are disappointed to see that Renewable Rikers, the plan to replace the jails on Rikers Island with clean, renewable infrastructure designed to benefit all New Yorkers, was not mentioned in this landmark EJNYC plan.

As we move ahead, we look forward to working with our members to engage in the community stakeholder process and ensure that the City addresses real New Yorkers' priorities with robust action, policy change, and investments that matter.

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