

ANTHONY NY MIRANDA

FOR QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT 2020



TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Reform and Regulation for Taxi and Ride-Sharing Companies (Uber/Lyft/Via)

- We stand with any driver unionization's efforts and fight for the industry to pay their drivers their fair share.
- As of 2014, [43% of yellow cab drivers live in Queens](#) and their way of life has been negatively affected by the ride-sharing companies entering the taxi industry.
- We must regulate the rates that ride-sharing companies charge and reduce the percentage of the fare they take in from each ride. This will ensure that drivers are making a living wage, competitive with wages formerly made by taxi drivers, while also being affordable for riders.
- We support [the efforts of the city to bailout taxi drivers](#), and we will advocate for fair buyouts for those who bought overpriced taxi medallions and no longer want them or can't afford the debt.
- ***In the long-term, we will support research to transform NYC's taxi system, making it more accessible and profitable for both riders and drivers.***

Public Transportation and the MTA

- [One in three](#) New York City residents is struggling to afford food, housing, and other basic necessities, while after adjusted for inflation, MTA fares have increased from [\\$1.50 to \\$2.75](#) since the 1970s.
- The current transit system is in serious disrepair, with delays caused by outdated signals causing decreasing ridership. We must direct annual investments from both the city and state to update our transit system, pay for ongoing infrastructure maintenance and increase ridership.
- ***We need municipal control of the MTA and as an immediate measure, Borough Presidents should be able to appoint positions on the existing MTA board. New York residents fund 85% of the MTA budget, and we deserve to have local oversight over the agency!***
- We will advocate reducing fares back to their original prices which can continually be adjusted for inflation. We will push to expand eligibility for NYC's Fair Fares program, and ***in the long term, make MTA rides to be fare-less and free.***
- ***The many corporations in New York City greatly benefit from the existence of the MTA as [it attracts a young and diverse talent pool](#) and [has helped these businesses to grow](#). We must push a tax for these large corporations to help pay for the agency they benefit from.***
- Queen's' residents shouldn't have to go through Manhattan to Brooklyn or the Bronx; we will advocate for more train lines that connect Queens neighborhoods to each other and the rest of New York City.
- ***Our goal will be to decrease car use in the city to combat climate change by reducing traffic congestion and carbon emissions while increasing the borough's air quality and making us less reliant on fossil fuels.***

Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, Roads, Highway

- [Queens has more dangerous areas for cyclists and pedestrians than any other borough.](#)
- ***We will make Queens safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and those with accessibility issues, and transform our infrastructure for the modern world.***
- We will begin conversations with the Queens community to ensure infrastructure changes are made with the needs of bikers, pedestrians, small businesses and first responders in mind.
- We will advocate to expand pedestrian- and bike-friendly areas in our borough, clear roads of illegally parked trucking rigs, and repair street defects (such as potholes, cracks and old damaged sidewalks, and roads).
- This will ensure safer roads, make our borough environmentally sustainable and prevent damage to bikes, cars, and other property.
- ***These expansions will not be made at the expense of small businesses or first responders. We will help invest in finding creative ways and places to promote the needs of everyone in our community!***



High-Speed Internet for All

- High-speed internet is a necessary utility for students, families, and businesses.
- We will advocate for the installation of the high-speed fiber-optic internet infrastructure, thus providing truly affordable high-speed internet service.
- We will fight for subsidies for internet service like those for heating and electricity.
- ***High-speed internet service must be treated as a public utility that everyone deserves as a basic human right.***