

STOP

MAYOR DE BLASIO'S JAIL EXPANSION PLAN!

The Mayor is planning on expanding Rikers with four new jails for over \$10 billion. Instead of building new jails, this money should be used to create safe, strong neighborhoods by addressing our needs. Check out the four major false claims the Mayor is using to sell these jails.

1 THE MAYOR CLAIMS THAT HE WILL CLOSE RIKERS IN 2027.

- In 2027, Mayor de Blasio will not be in office to close Rikers.
- There is no legally binding document ensuring Rikers' closure.
- The Mayor is currently spending \$1 billion to renovate Rikers and other NYC jails.

2 THE MAYOR CLAIMS CLOSING RIKERS IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF WE BUILD NEW JAILS.

- Ending broken windows policing would prevent tens of thousands of New Yorkers from going to jail or getting ticketed.
- Ending pre-trial detention would reduce the daily jail population by an average of 6,192 people.

3 THE MAYOR CLAIMS HAVING JAILS CLOSE TO OUR COMMUNITIES WILL IMPROVE RESPONSES TO INHUMANE CONDITIONS AND FAMILY VISITATION.

- MDC Brooklyn, The Tombs, and Brooklyn House of Detention are neighborhood jails that, despite community outrage, have had inhumane conditions for years.
- Historically, whenever a new jail was built to improve conditions, the abuse of incarcerated people and their visitors persisted.

4 THE MAYOR CLAIMS THAT THIS PLAN WILL HELP NEW YORK DECARCERATE.

- This plan will build 6,000 new cages, which have the capacity to incarcerate tens of thousands of people per year. If they build it, they will fill it.
- Neighborhoods near new jails will face increased surveillance, leading to more incarceration.
- The Mayor advocates replacing cash bail with a system that would restrict more people from being eligible to leave jail pre-trial, increasing incarceration.

OUR VISION

HOW \$10 BILLION CAN BE USED TO BUILD SAFE & STRONG COMMUNITIES

END HOMELESSNESS

Right now the city intentionally funds an unsafe shelter system. We should use \$10 billion to house every homeless person in NYC.

STRENGTHEN NYCHA

The Mayor is using repairs as an excuse to sell off 62,000 NYCHA units to corporate management. The money to expand Rikers should be used to repair NYCHA and create high-quality public housing for our community.

TRANSFORM MENTAL HEALTH

Jails punish and warehouse poor people with mental health needs. We have an opportunity to build holistic mental health facilities that can serve all New Yorkers.

GUARANTEE THE FUTURE

NYC could use these funds to create thousands of jobs for youth, more diverse and equitable classrooms to fulfill the need for more teachers and counselors, and develop safe learning environments that set our children on the path towards success.

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