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Dear Member of Village Reform Democratic Club:

It has been my great privilege to work with the members of VRDC throughout my career.

We stood together during my time as a member of the State Assembly to support affordable housing and bring ethics reform to Albany.

We worked together when I was Manhattan Borough President, with the “School Overcrowding War Room” and calling to end fracking.

And over the last seven years as your Comptroller, we have fought to hold the City accountable to the New Yorkers it serves, uprooting waste and fraud and speaking out for justice.

**Now, as I seek the Democratic nomination for Mayor, I would be honored to have the support of the members of this incredible organization.**

As Mayor, I will use the power of city government to meaningfully improve the lives of all New Yorkers, and build a city for *everyone*. I will work day and night to help New York City recover and rebuild — in each and every neighborhood.

**We need to bring our economy back to life, with a focus on small business.** My 25-point plan, “Save Main Street,” would provide economic relief and much-needed support for small businesses, as well as incentives for them to return to hollowed out retail corridors, like so much of what we see up and down Broadway.

**We need to deal aggressively with our affordability crisis,** and I will use publicly-owned vacant lots and create a public land trust to build housing that is truly affordable for low- and middle-income New Yorkers. My plan would also force developers to make 25% of units in all new buildings affordable — no exceptions.

There’s more — much more — I want to do as mayor. I have a 47-point plan on **climate change** that Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org, called “the most progressive municipal climate action in the nation.” I’m the father of two public school students, and I will launch a **teacher residency program** to ensure our educators have the ongoing support and training they need to stay in the profession and give our kids a quality education. And after losing my mom, Arlene, to the coronavirus last April, I know how important it is to **strengthen our public health infrastructure**, particularly in Black and Brown communities that have been devastated by the pandemic.

I would be honored to earn your support, so that we can work together during this campaign and for many years to come to make the change we seek.

Sincerely,