



MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK 2009 PLATFORM

Make the Road New York works to promote educational opportunity for all New Yorkers:

- Excellent public schools with engaging and challenging curricula, quality teaching, and academic and emotional support for students.
- A governance structure that values the role of the parents, students and communities in shaping the educational priorities of New York City's public schools.
- A school environment free of harassment and discrimination, and a school culture that relies on families, students and educators, rather than law enforcement, to promote safety and respect inside the schools
- Comprehensive educational services for English Language Learners
- Access to affordable higher education for all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status.
- Access to affordable adult learning opportunities including English language instruction and job training.

Make the Road New York works to promote a just and humane immigration policy

- A path to citizenship for all immigrants currently in the country
- Full access to higher education for immigrant students
- Ample economic opportunity for native and foreign workers
- Support for families to stay together, regardless of sexual orientation
- An end to repressive enforcement strategies in our communities.

Make the Road New York works to promote healthy and affordable housing for all New Yorkers.

- Stronger housing code enforcement
- Stronger rent regulations
- Creation and retention of affordable housing

Make the Road New York works to promote policing that respects the dignity and rights of members of our communities

- Lawful and respectful treatment by NYPD officers and NYPD School Safety Agents of young people of color
- An end to the profiling, abuse and criminalization of young people of color
- Changes in NYPD policy and practice to ensure that the rights of LGBTQ people, immigrants, and people of color are upheld in interactions with the police

Make the Road New York works to promote equal access to government funded benefits and services for all New Yorkers through the provision of high quality and comprehensive interpretation and translation services

- Compliance with existing city, state and federal laws requiring language assistance services at all City Agencies, all New York State hospitals, and all federally-funded entities.
- Expansion of these requirements to state agencies.

Make the Road New York works to promote healthcare reform that guarantees quality, affordable, comprehensive healthcare, including the choice of a public plan, for all people living in the United States.

Make the Road New York works to promote respect and equality for LGBTQ people in communities, schools and the workplace.

- Training for all students and staff in our public schools about homophobia and transphobia and increased protections for LGBTQ students against harassment and violence
- Enforcement of non-discrimination laws against LGBTQ workers and job applicants.
- Comprehensive policies to address hate violence in our communities.

Make the Road New York works to promote dignity and economic opportunity for workers

- Compliance with workplace protections, in particular wage & hour laws
- Expansion of workplace rights, including a higher minimum wage, increased protections of the right to organize, paid sick days, and expanded access to affordable health care.

Make the Road New York works to promote progressive taxation and to government funding for essential services for low-income and working class New Yorkers.