

Theo Chino

I am a trilingual Dominican French activist and high-tech professional who worked for 15 years inside a Fortune 500 company. As a dual citizen I have been a member of the French Socialist Party.

After I worked in Silicon Valley during the 2000 DotCom boom, I ran the Time Warner Network Cable network overseeing all the Cable Boxes and Internet Modems. I was laid off after the Spectrum corporate merger because I refused to relocate to Denver and leave my city.

In the city, I co-founded Education Française à New York to create real dual-language solutions in the New York Public School (*PS125 in Harlem and PS58 in Brooklyn*), am member the Tenant Association of my building to oversee our own Third Party Transfer and raised the alarm on the lack of HPD oversight. I was a voting member at Community Board 9.

I was member of the executive board in Paris of a worldwide association to protect the right of French emigrants. I invented and set in place strategies used in many successful political campaigns in Paris and New York City.

I lived in Alaska where I fought the oil industry with the Alaska PIRG. I have been an activist since I was 14 years old starting with selling buttons to raise money for the Anti-Apartheid movement.

Always a proactive activist in all these places, I will be an asset to lead the party into the 21st century.





I ask your vote for the County Chair of our Democratic County Committee.

My proposals as Chairperson:

- Better lead-time on meetings dates so you can focus on issue you want to bring up,
- Organize a presidential debate with other NYC County Committees so we, not the media, get to ask questions important to us,
- Make the County Committee meeting into a political convention so the grassroots can to emphasize neighborhood problems and necessary solutions,
- Transform our website to provide better resources for the public and especially for us.

Every time we allow the executives to decide which candidates' voters should learn about we deny ourselves the right to choose our desired candidates and our slates.

I am running for Chairperson to give all Democrats a chance to collectively decide which issues and which candidates are important for our borough, our city.

We need to make sure that every activist in New York City is matched with the right political club. We want anyone that wants to participate in the political process to be with us.

The attached petition:

I sent about 1500 petitions, but it failed to get the required 15 signatures from 6 different Assembly Districts. It is a platform proposal based on Sunrise's Green New Deal, which is a significant, bold transformation of the economy to tackle the twin crises of inequality and climate change. We need to recognize and acknowledge that it will mobilize vast public resources to transition from an economy built on exploitation and fossil fuels to one driven by dignified work and clean energy.

This first platform document of the New York County Committee will affirm that we, as a party, we will actively participate in crafting local solutions to make the Green New Deal a reality. This resolution, if voted by the County Committee, will become an underlying theme for all our club's meetings.

The City Council and the State Legislatures have already started taking bold steps, but it's incumbent upon us to debate how this New Green Deal. Our leadership as a party instance could prompt the state party to endorse a high-speed rail link from Buffalo to Albany and from New York City to Montreal.



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Dear Mr. Chino,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the New York County Democratic Committee, thank you for your submission of petitions in regards to the agenda for the upcoming County Committee meeting. As you are aware, during the 2018 County Committee meeting, the Manhattan Democratic Party adopted a robust number of reforms to our operating rules. As a party, we increased transparency, engagement, and accountability, and we are stronger together because of these reforms.

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Joshua Kravitz

By submitting petitions to add items to the agenda, you have availed yourself to one of our new rules that seeks to empower County Committee Members to engage with their peers, and bring forward topics they consider important to the broader Party membership. For that, we applaud and thank you for your efforts and engagement in the process.

Upon review of your submitted petitions, however, we must inform you that you have failed to meet the required number of signatures in order to place any item on the agenda. As outlined in the Party rules, County Committee Members can successfully add items to the agenda upon submitting petitions signed by at least 15 County Committee Members from at least six Assembly Districts. The number of petitions you gathered, while commendable, fail to meet this requirement.

We thank you again for your effort and look forward to your participation in the upcoming County Committee meeting.

Regards,

Keith L.T. Wright
County Leader

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New York County Democratic Party

MOTION TO ENDORSE HR109 AND THE GREEN NEW DEAL

Humankind has reached a moment of existential crisis. Human activity is causing disastrous climate disruption and Earth's sixth mass extinction event, triggering critical losses of biodiversity. We are already locked in for global warming that will have catastrophic effects, and we are on a slippery path to our own extinction. The 2018 Special Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns unequivocally that "without societal transformation and rapid implementation of ambitious greenhouse gas reduction measures, pathways to limiting warming to 1.5°C and achieving sustainable development will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to achieve."¹

Yet, the crisis we face exceeds ecological breakdown. Deepening inequality, suppressed democracy, precarious jobs, racial and gendered violence, border hostility, and endless wars make up the terrain on which climate destabilization will be unleashed. The most vulnerable members of society will be hit hardest, first, and suffer most.

We must solve the climate crisis and the inequality crisis together. Climate remedies in the context of austerity will produce a popular backlash, as we see in the yellow vest protests against a fuel tax. Corporations profiting from fossil extraction have long worked to turn workers against environmentalists, claiming that clean energy would be a job killer. But working class and poor people's quality of life, gravely threatened by climate disruption, would greatly improve in a just transition. We can't reward extraction to concentrate wealth, it must be replaced by a sustainable economy. A Green New Deal can begin the transition from exploitative capitalism to democratic ecological society.

The urgency and scale of the crisis we face demand solutions that meet the magnitude of this moment. The ineffectual gradualism and corporate obedience demonstrated by the U.S. government's climate response has proven to be a dead-end for humanity. We need rapid, systemic transformation that heals the stratification of wealth and power while putting decarbonization and justice at the forefront.

We need a Green New Deal. We demand a Green New Deal, and we demand that it serve people and planet—not profit.

Future generations are entitled to a beautiful planet with a vibrant natural world that can sustain a good life for all people. Creating a fully ecological society will require a revolutionary transformation to replace the social order based on exploitation and oppression with a new

¹ <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/chapter/chapter-5> - Chapter 5, page 448

society based on cooperation, equity, and justice. A Green New Deal must serve as a bridge toward this future. To that end, we support the resolutions introduced by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in the House and Sen. Ed Markey in the Senate while recognizing that they are conversation starters. Their proposals are facing fierce opposition from corporate politicians and nervous ridicule from Wall Street pundits, but the opportunity to campaign for a radical and effective Green New Deal remains in our hands.

1. **Decarbonize the economy fully by 2030.** We need to set a more ambitious timeframe than the IPCC 1.5°C pathways suggest because of the United States' historical responsibility for carbon pollution, because highly industrialized societies have the greatest capacity to rapidly reduce emissions and afford the shift from endless fossil-fueled growth to regenerative systems, and because faster decarbonization will give us the greatest chance of avoiding more catastrophic climate tipping points. We must mobilize all carbon-intensive sectors of the economy to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions at the source, and to scale up processes that safely and naturally draw down and remove excess carbon from the atmosphere—not as market-based “offsets” for ongoing emissions, but to begin restoring a safe climate for all.
2. **Decommodify survival** by guaranteeing living wages, healthcare, childcare, housing, food, water, energy, public transit, a healthy environment, and other necessities for all. Ensure market forces do not displace frontline and working-class communities from their neighborhoods by implementing universal rent control, and work cooperatively with communities in the line of climatic danger to relocate to safer grounds. Make college education free so everyone has access to learning skills that may better facilitate the rapid transition of society. Ensure land and resources are prioritized for building resilient communities and ecosystems for the many, not the few.
3. **Redistribute resources from the worst polluters** with just and progressive taxes on the rich, on all the corporations that have contributed to damage our environment, and on dirty industries, as well as by diverting funds away from policing, prisons, and our government's bloated military budget, which have nothing to do with defense of people living within American borders and everything to do with maintaining imperial dominance over other nations and capitalist control of the world's resources. United States monetary policy has financed endless wars and wealth extraction by elites for long enough—it's time to use it to fund the transformation we need.

These guiding principles are just a beginning, not an endpoint, for our party engagement in the campaign for a Green New Deal for New York City.

We agree to develop a Green New Deal process that is transparent, inclusive, and democratic. We must warn all politicians that we will not accept a watered-down Green New Deal that they exploit as a mere electoral slogan.

Together, we can break the power of corruption and guarantee the regeneration of a vibrant natural world that is home for humanity—and all forms of life—for many generations to come

The Honorable _____

(print your name)

Committee member for the _____ Election District in the _____ Assembly District

(print your address)

New York, NY _____

New York County Democratic Committee

108 West 39th Street

Suite 1201

New York, NY 10018

Dear Mr. Minerva and Mr. Yee,

As the per the rules of the New York County Democratic Party, please add my signature to the following petitions to be added to the agenda of the 2019 County Committee:

(Check the boxes corresponding to the petition you are sponsoring.)

The petition reorganizing the order of business of the 2019 first meeting of the County Committee by moving the **Election of persons to fill vacancies in the County Committee** item from after **the election of a temporary secretary** to the last item of the agenda. *(PDF document authenticated by computer hash key 70c07e6b30cf1af2050b080e67798f5a.)*

The petition calling for permanently changing the order of business in Article II Section 6 paragraph (d) of the agenda by moving the **Election of persons to fill vacancies in the County Committee** item from after **the election of a temporary secretary** to the last item. *(PDF document authenticated by computer hash key cfa3b0d9514c823cf8edd497edcb2028.)*

The petition adding to the agenda the discussion of **the New Green Deal Platform**. *(PDF document authenticated by computer hash key 32e4bac4948c812c20d136fa83aef0f3.)*

Signature

ED ___ / AD ___

Date

New York County Democratic Party

PROXY

I hereby designate _____ *(insert the name of the County Committee member)* as my proxy to vote and otherwise act in my behalf at the October 3rd, 2019 New York County Democratic County Committee for the purpose of organization, adoption of rules, filing any vacancy in a Democratic Party nomination that may then exist and the transaction of such other business as may properly completed before the meeting according to the number of votes I should be entitled to cast if then personally present.

Signature / Print Name

Oct 3rd, 2019

Date

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