Borough President Fernando Ferrer's Ten-Point Strategic Clean-Air Plan in the 21st Century

- 1) Mandate the City (and State) to convert school bus fleets to 100% alternate fuel-operating vehicles [AFVs] [no later than 2010];
- 2) Convert medallion taxis to 100% AFVs [within five years];
- 3) Develop a Request for Proposals to site original equipment manufacturers [OEM] AFV manufacturing in one or more of the City's Economic Development Zones [EDZs];
- 4) Provide incentives for, and directing the siting of, clean air fueling facilities;
- 5) Require the City's Departments of Environmental Protection and Transportation to report in collaboration with the Correction, Fire and Police Departments on requiring new purchases of emergency and heavy-duty AFVs based on a review of federal reports that indicate this conversion can occur and propose a schedule for implementation;
- 6) Require the City's Departments of Environmental Protection and Transportation to report in collaboration with the Department for the Aging on requiring new purchases of paratransit vehicles to be AFV-compliant and propose a schedule for implementation;
- 7) Amend the Local Law 6 reporting requirement to include data on OEM and converted vehicles and their operation and use;
- 8) Require the City to report on its compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act and the State Implementation Plan [SIP], the state of its participation in the Federal Clean Cities Program, and the conversion of fleet, freight and heavy duties vehicles that operate on local streets to AFV;
- 9) Require the MTA to convert its entire fleet of more than 4,300 buses to 100% AFVs, including a requirement banning new diesel bus purchases by the MTA [that currently plans to add 756 [356 express; 400 articulated] air-polluting diesel buses and only 300 clean fuel natural gas and 250 diesel-hybrid buses to its City fleet so it would have 1,040 clean fuel buses by the end of its program on top of 3,600 diesel buses with CRTs (continuous regenerative traps) to capture pollutants]; and
- 10) Amend Local Law 6 to require 100% City AFV purchases, including codifying the existing program to convert the City's entire franchised bus fleet, currently 1265 buses, to 100% AFVs.