



Helen Rosenthal

Council Member, 6th District



STANDING UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Did You Know?

For every year she has been in office, Helen has scored 100% on the legislative checklist created by environmental watchdog group NY League of Conservation Voters.

Reducing Solid Waste

Helen is a supporter of a fee on plastic and paper bags. She also supports a citywide ban on polystyrene, used for packaging.



Tackling Air Pollution

In order to reduce air pollution and improve public health, Helen is pushing the City to strengthen its anti-idling laws. Idling is one of NYC's most intractable environmental issues. NYC law prohibits vehicles from idling for more than 3 minutes on most streets and more than 1 minute in a school zone, but the law is rarely enforced. Helen has proposed legislation mandating that residents who file a citizen's complaint about idling collect up to 50% of the City fine.

Fossil Fuel Divestment

The fossil fuel industry has a devastating impact on our climate and public health. Nevertheless, the City supports this industry through its five pension plans. Because of the inevitable devaluation of fossil fuel investments, as well as the need to reduce emissions, Helen is calling on the City to freeze any additional investment in fossil fuel companies, and to divest from direct ownership and co-mingled funds of fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds.



Watch Helen speak about fossil fuel divestment at 350NYC's conference, Financial Strategies for Keeping Fossil Fuels in the Ground.
<http://bit.ly/2r95aiY>

Keeping the Focus on Climate Change

In May 2017, Helen interviewed the City's Senior Director of Climate Policy & Programs on the Manhattan Neighborhood Network regarding efforts to both slash greenhouse gas emissions; and prepare for rising sea levels, extreme heat, and other impacts of climate change.

See the interview here: <http://www.mnn.org/video/represent-nyc-protecting-city-climate-change>

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