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**City Planning Commission Unanimously Approves Zone Green Proposal**

Statement from City Planning Commissioner Amanda Burden:

Today I am thrilled to vote on the Department's latest sustainability initiative, [Zone Green](#).

Zone Green is the most comprehensive effort of any city in the nation to sweep aside obstacles to green buildings and energy efficiency – eliminating barriers to green roofs to energy generation and to rooftop agriculture.

Zone Green will give homeowners and building owners new opportunities to make investments that save them energy, save them money, and improve our environment.

For instance, Zone Green will allow extra floor area for building insulation, it will waive building height limits to allow solar panels, and it will permit cooling solar shades to project off building facades -- thereby unlocking as much as \$800 million in potential energy savings every year.

Zone Green will permit new rooftop greenhouses to exceed existing height limits thereby encouraging the cultivation of fresh, local food, and serve as a great way to educate our children about the environment.

Zone Green expands on the Mayor's already significant legacy under PlaNYC and will bring both existing and new buildings into the 21st century.

New York is already a world leader in sustainability. With this expansive new initiative, we will ensure an even greener, greater New York.

I enthusiastically vote yes.

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**Department of City Planning**

The Department of City Planning (DCP) promotes strategic growth, transit-oriented development, and sustainable communities in the City, in part by initiating comprehensive, consensus-based planning and zoning changes for individual neighborhoods and business districts, as well as establishing policies and zoning regulations applicable citywide. It supports the City Planning Commission and each year reviews more than 500 land use applications for actions such as zoning changes and disposition of City property. The Department assists both government agencies and the public by providing policy analysis and technical assistance relating to housing, transportation, community facilities, demography, waterfront and public space.