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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ANNOUNCEMENT TO BAN  
NEW FOSSIL FUEL HOOKUPS IN NEW YORK CITY**

*(New York, N.Y.)* Today, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that the administration would be moving forward with a ban on fossil fuel hookups for new construction starting in 2030.

During the gas moratoriums in Westchester, Brooklyn, Queens, and on Long Island in 2019, NYPIRG and dozens of partner organizations [called](#) for localities and New York State to move forward with policies to mandate all-electric new construction as rapidly as possible.

**The following statement is attributable to Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG:**

“NYPIRG applauds Mayor de Blasio for announcing New York City will join the ranks of several other cities in the United States banning fossil fuel hookups for new construction. According to global climate scientists, the world must rapidly phase out fossil fuels to avert catastrophe. To ensure New York City’s policy aligns with climate science, NYPIRG urges the Mayor and the City Council to have a fossil fuel hookup ban for new construction go into effect no later than 2022. As a city on the frontlines of the climate crisis, New York City must lead the charge on climate action and act as a model for the rest of New York, and the nation, to follow”

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