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**MAYOR BLOOMBERG ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR OF LONG-TERM PLANNING
AND SUSTAINABILITY ROHIT T. AGGARWALA STEPPING DOWN IN JUNE**

Aggarwala Led Development and Implementation of PlaNYC;

Search For Successor Underway

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg today announced that Rohit T. Aggarwala will step down as Director of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability in June. Since 2006, Aggarwala has led the development and implementation of *PlaNYC* and served as the mayor's chief advisor on environmental policy. His accomplishments include making significant progress on the 127 initiatives in *PlaNYC*, including: the drafting and passage of the Greener, Greater Buildings Plan, a comprehensive package of legislation requiring energy efficiency improvements in existing large buildings; rules requiring hybrid taxis, which despite a Federal lawsuit have resulted in 25 percent of the yellow taxi fleet converting to hybrid vehicles; the establishment and report of the Green Codes Task Force; and the creation of the first-of-its-kind New York City Panel on Climate Change, which developed official climate change forecasts for New York City. He also played a leading role in the proposal to bring congestion pricing to Manhattan in 2007, which was a *PlaNYC* initiative. The Mayor also announced that a search was underway to identify Aggarwala's successor, who will be responsible for updating *PlaNYC* in 2011 – a process established by a law that Aggarwala helped champion.

"I've often said that Rit was the brains behind *PlaNYC*," said Mayor Bloomberg. "He is a farsighted and creative thinker whose inspiration and work ethic allowed us to develop and then put in place a 20-year vision for improving the City that our children and grandchildren will inherit."

"Thanks to Rit, in the last three years we have made steady progress in achieving the ambitious goals in *PlaNYC*," said Deputy Mayor for Operations Edward Skyler. "He has guided an effort that is far more than just 'going green'; it really is creating a new model for sustainable economic growth and development that is being copied around the world."

"The progress Rit has made will transform city government by embedding the goal of a sustainable future deep within each agency's DNA," said Office of Operations Director Jeff Kay. "It has been a privilege working with him on the development and implementation of *PlaNYC*."

“It has been an immense privilege to serve New York City and Mayor Bloomberg, and I am sorry to be leaving City Hall,” said Aggarwala. “Mayor Bloomberg is one of America’s great leaders on sustainability, and it is due to his commitment and pragmatism that New York is seen as a model for sustainability efforts nationwide.”

When Aggarwala joined the Bloomberg Administration in June 2006, he was charged with creating the Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability and developing a long-term strategy for New York City for the year 2030. Reporting to then-Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding Daniel L. Doctoroff, Aggarwala led the development of what became *PlaNYC: A Greener, Greater New York*, the City’s sustainability plan, which the mayor released in on Earth Day, April 22, 2007. *PlaNYC* is comprised of 127 separate initiatives that range from planting one million new trees, reducing the City’s carbon footprint 30 percent by the year 2030, and making sure every New Yorker lives within a ten minute walk of a park or a playground. The Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability was created as a part of the Mayor’s Office of Operations, led by Jeff Kay, and which, since December 2007, has been under the supervision of Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler.

Aggarwala, who is getting married on April 10, is leaving City government to join his fiancée, Dr. Elizabeth Robiloti, when she moves to California this June to complete her medical training as a fellow in infectious diseases at Stanford University.

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