

NYC Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman

Remarks, Launch of First Residential EV Car Share Program, Solaire

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- Hi. My name is Keith Kerman and I am the Chief Fleet Officer of the City of New York and a Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS).
- I want to thank Paul Lipson for asking me to say a few words, and on behalf of Mayor de Blasio and our DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo, I want to congratulate Reach Now and BMW, the Albanese Organization, and Solaire on this exciting next step in both car sharing and electric vehicle use.
- I was last here at Solaire at its opening in 2003. I managed Citywide Operations at Parks then. Today I work with DCAS which among many things manages the sustainability efforts for the city's municipal building stock and the City fleet, the largest of its type in the country.
- NYC is making large investments to make city buildings more energy efficient, expand solar use, reuse waste and other materials, and update our older building stock to come as close as possible to the leading sustainable design of your newer building.
- If I remember correctly, there is a nice green roof and garden up there. If you didn't know, one of the largest green roofs in New York State is actually on the top of the Parks municipal Fleet Repair Garage on Randalls Island.
- On the fleet side, Mayor de Blasio has challenged us to implement the largest fleet of electric vehicles in the nation, at least 2,000 by 2025, and to cut emissions in half. The plan is called NYC Clean Fleet. NYC already operates 520 EVs, with lots more on order, and 360 charging stations, with lots more coming.
- In addition, we also use car share technology with our fuel efficient and electric cars. Over 700 City vehicles employ fleet share and the Mayor announced just a couple weeks ago that the City would create its first all-electric shared pool fleet, just like you, of at least 50 units to further improve emissions and make our fleet operations more efficient and cost effective.
- As a Co-Op owner in Manhattan, although at a 1963 not quite as sustainable building on the Upper East Side, I'm jealous and excited all at the same time for what you have started. (Of course, we do have a new subway coming any day now!) At the level of amenities, emissions and more efficient living and use of resources, this is a tremendously exciting initiative that we hope succeeds and is duplicated endlessly and everywhere.
- We look forward to hearing how things go and congratulations again.