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Progress on New York City's Roadmap to Closing Rikers Island

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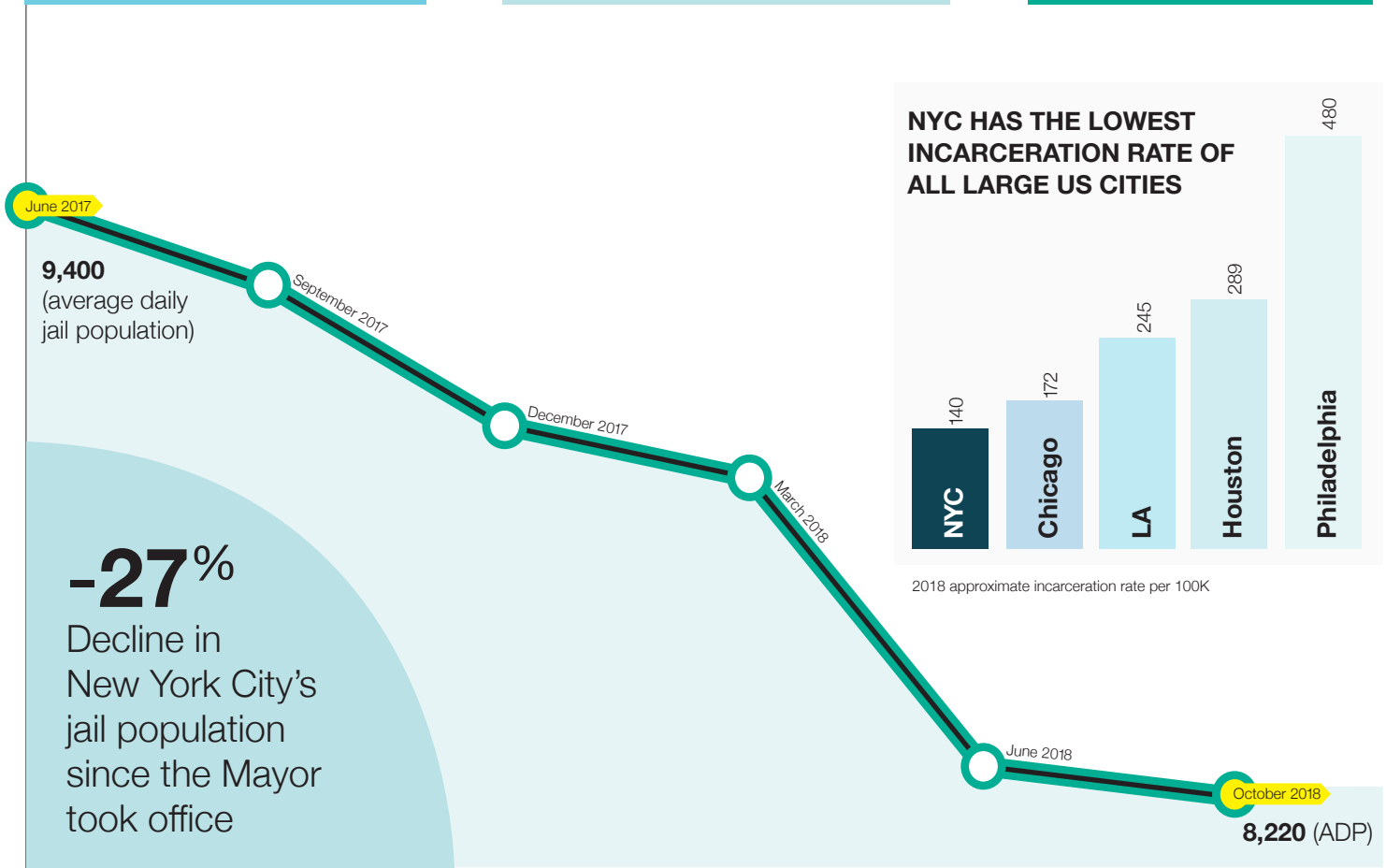
Supervised Release has diverted over 10,000 people from entering jail since its launch in March 2016. Supervised Release is the City's primary pretrial diversion program and allows people to await trial in the community.

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The City moved all 16 and 17 year olds off Rikers Island and into Horizon, a juvenile facility, when Raise the Age went into effect on October 1st, 2018. Now all 16 and 17 year olds are being housed at either Crossroads or Horizon Juvenile Centers.

FAIRER

Online bail payment is now accepted for all credit card bail amounts, making it easier for all New Yorkers to post bail. Nearly 200 people have been released using online bail payment.



BOROUGH-BASED JAILS PLAN

The City is committed to closing the jails on Rikers Island and creating a network of modern and humane borough-based jails. Development of these new facilities requires a City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR). As the beginning of the environmental review process for the four new borough-based facilities, the City hosted four public scoping meetings in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and the Bronx. These sessions allowed community members to provide comments on the proposed project that will be incorporated into the public record and will be addressed in writing as part of the environmental review process.

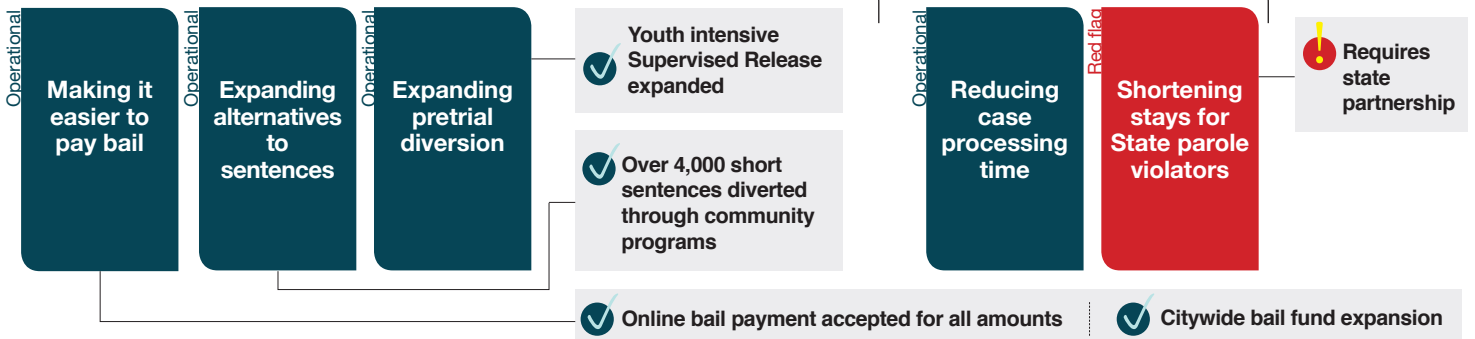
HIGHLIGHTS OF STRATEGIES IN THE CITY'S ROADMAP TO CLOSING RIKERS ISLAND:

1 SMALLER — SAFELY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE JAIL POPULATION

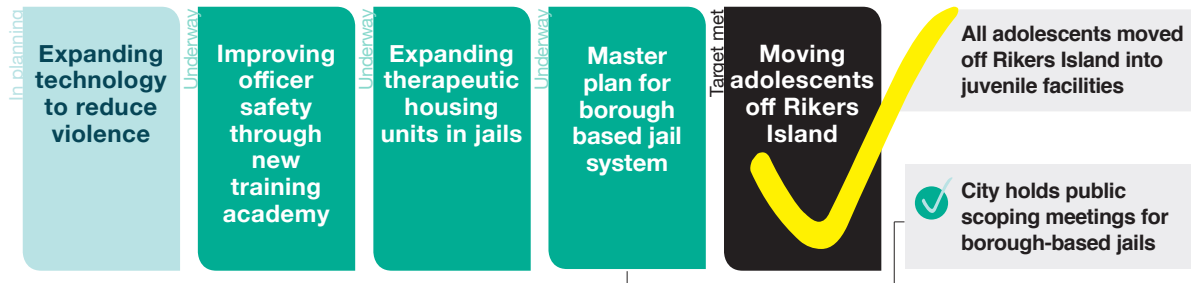
■ In planning ■ Recently launched ■ Implementation underway ■ Operational ■ Red flag

Reduce number of people who enter jail

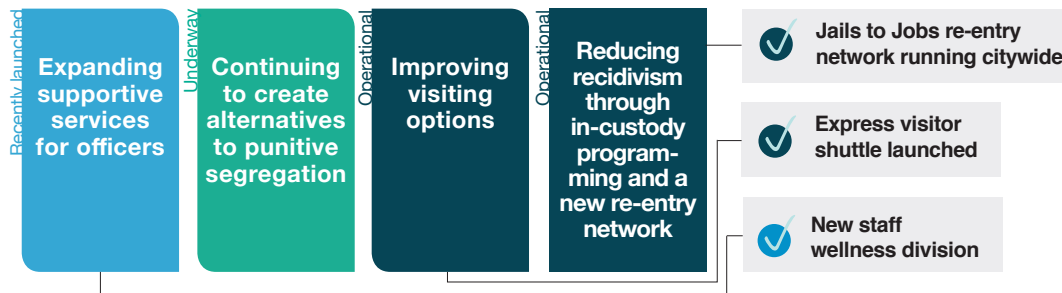
Reduce length of stay



2 SAFER — CREATING SAFE AND HUMANE ENVIRONMENTS



3 FAIRER — CHANGING THE CULTURE AND PURPOSE OF JAILS



“The burden of youth imprisonment falls far too heavily on communities of color and this decision opens the door to the possibility of a productive future for thousands of 16 and 17 year olds. If we are to grow and improve as a society, we need to work with our youth so they become the contributors we want them to be, not the criminals we fear they will become. Our responsibility now is to go even further; investing in education, investing in support; to provide resources that allow them to become successful adults”

Karol Mason, President of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice

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