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Bloomy's legacy

Siegel and Stern omit any evidence that does not fit with their attack on the mayor. Let's look at the facts: Under Bloomberg, crime has been cut another 35%, and murders are down 50%. Welfare rolls are down 25%.

One-fifth of the city has been re-zoned, both to preserve the character of neighborhoods and to revitalize long-vacant industrial areas.

The No. 7 train is being extended westward — the first new city-funded subway track in a half-century.

And high school graduation rates, stagnant throughout the '90s, have risen 27% over the past five years. Even more important, Bloomberg has transformed the culture of a public-school system rooted in low expectations to one oriented around standards and merit.

Siegel and Stern fail to recognize that New York City has weathered the national recession far better than other cities, outpacing the nation in job growth last year. Doing so would have meant recognizing the mayor's success in stabilizing our tax base, attracting more tourists than any other destination in North America.

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