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Green's back on the stump

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Mayoral candidate Mark Green yesterday made a tentative return to the campaign trail — outlining his plan for a city redevelopment authority and questioning whether his political rivals are adhering to a ban on campaign spending.

Holding his first political press conference since last week's attacks, Green praised Mayor Giuliani, but criticized the redevelopment plan pushed by the mayor and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone — one of his Democratic opponents.

"The speaker's proposal is local, advisory and not very accountable to the chief executive of the city. It has unspecified budget authority," Green said of the planning authority bill, which is expected to be easily approved by the Council today.

Unlike Vallone's plan, Green's proposed Emergency Redevelopment Authority would directly involve the governor and the state Legislature, as well as City Hall.

Green's lawyer also questioned whether Vallone and Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer were following the Campaign Finance Board's edict that all political expenditures essentially stop before Primary Day on Tuesday.

Speaking to the board, Green's counsel, John Siegal, said there have been sightings of supposedly new Vallone posters in The Bronx and reports of Ferrer making automated campaign phone calls last week.

Vallone lawyer Henry Berger said that the signs were old, and the campaign had asked for the placards along the Grand Concourse to be torn down. The Ferrer camp denied making any phone calls on behalf of their candidate.

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