

**City Council Candidate
(District 1)**

Alan Gerson

Positions on Addressing Critical AIDS Housing Issues

- Supports HASA for ALL legislation (rental assistance for poor people with HIV regardless of health status).
- Supports proposed state legislation to cap rents of poor people with HIV in public housing at 30 percent.
- Supports addressing HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) rental assistance levels.
- Pledges to address city's dependence and wasteful spending on single-room occupancy (SRO) housing and will work to redirect funding to community-based housing providers.
- Supports finding solutions for housing needs of undocumented immigrants living with HIV/AIDS.

Positions on the Coordination and Monitoring of City AIDS Services

- Would call for re-establishment of Mayoral Office of AIDS Policy.
- Would work with community-based organizations and PLWHA to address issues in the community.

Positions on Additional AIDS Services:

- Would help secure increased funding for syringe-exchange programs across the city and to expand syringe access.
- Will work to secure funding for legal services for people living with AIDS and HIV.
- Has met with Department of Corrections officials at Rikers Island to advocate for resources to provide education and resources for young inmates and those who are HIV-positive or at risk.
- Will continue to advocate for increased funding for HIV testing initiatives and will advocate to protect written informed consent.

Notable quote: "I believe strongly that facilities created and run by community-based organizations are a better option for emergency housing than SROs, which present a huge cost to the City, in spite of often deplorable conditions."