

Public Advocate Candidates:

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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 of income.
- Would *not* work to provide more housing for undocumented immigrants living with AIDS.
- Supports increasing HASA's rental assistance levels to rates that are comparable with Section 8.
- Believes HASA-contracted emergency housing run by AIDS service organizations should be utilized instead of commercial single-room occupancy residences.

Positions on the Coordination and Monitoring of City AIDS Services

- Supports re-establishing the Mayoral Office of AIDS Policy.

Positions on Additional AIDS Services:

- Would work to secure further funding for syringe-exchange programs.
- Would advocate legal services for those living with HIV/AIDS to prevent eviction.
- Would work for more resources at Rikers Island to help HIV-positive individuals and address the spread of HIV.
- Supports increasing HIV testing, with municipal hospitals and health care organizations playing a major role in the implementation of testing initiatives.

Notable quote: "We need a citywide task force on AIDS/HIV prevention and services for those living with the disease. As Public Advocate, I would like to work with Community Boards (Health Committee's) to organize these task forces related to this subject, especially in the outer boroughs, where AIDS and HIV is not talked about openly and many people go untested."