

Public Advocate Candidates:

**Bill de Blasio**

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### **Positions on Addressing Critical AIDS Housing Issues**

- Would *not* commit to fighting for HASA for All (rental assistance and services for poor people with HIV regardless of disease progression)\*
- Supports protecting tenants by capping rental contributions at 30% of income.
- Supports increasing rental assistance provided by city's HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) to achieve parity between HASA and other housing programs such as Section 8.
- Would examine the housing need for undocumented immigrants living with AIDS in New York City.
- Would invest in housing placement services that place people into permanent housing.
- Highlighted his commitment as City Councilmember to securing funding for housing and other programs that serve people with AIDS, including the most recent fight against the Mayor's cuts to HASA housing and nutrition services in the 2010 Executive Budget.

### **Positions on the Coordination and Monitoring of City AIDS Services**

- Would advocate for coordination of AIDS services, either through re-establishing the Mayoral Office of AIDS Policy or other measures.
- Supports implementation of greater oversight over emergency housing for people living with AIDS.

### **Positions on Additional AIDS Services:**

- Would call for increased funding for HIV legal services and syringe access programs. and the coordination of HIV/AIDS services across the city.
- Reiterated the need to increase HIV testing while maintaining written, informed consent and confidentiality protections for those being tested.

**Notable quote:** "We must consistently seek input and feedback from people living with AIDS and HIV regarding the provision of City services, as their participation is vital to ensuring that programs are effective for those we seek to help."

*\*NOTE: Since the HASA for ALL Act, Int. 691, was introduced in January 2008, it has remained in City Council General Welfare Committee, headed by de Blasio, with no action taken.*

