

Public Advocate Candidates:

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

- Supports HASA for ALL (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.
- Would address problems with HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) rental assistance levels
- Pledges to address city's dependence on single-room occupancy (SRO) housing and will work to support HASA-contracted emergency housing programs
- Would continue to investigate housing conditions for people living with AIDS and would work to strengthen enforcement of standards for publicly subsidized housing.
- Pledges to address housing needs for undocumented immigrants living with HIV/AIDS

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

- Undecided about the re-establishment of Mayoral Office of AIDS Policy.

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

- Would help secure increased funding for syringe-exchange programs across the city
- Will work to increase HIV testing in the city by working directly with communities of color and community-based organizations.
- Would fight for better care and more intense prevention efforts at Rikers Island

### **Other:**

- Would use the Public Advocate's appointment to the City Planning Commission to push sustainable land use policies and affordable housing development.

**Notable quote:** "Too many New Yorkers know that if you're not wealthy or well-connected, then City Hall doesn't hear your voice. And when City Hall fails to listen, regular New Yorkers, and especially people who are poor or homeless, pay the price. As Public Advocate, I'll listen to people who are HIV-positive and the organizations that serve them, and then implement solutions to help make government work better."

