

Comptroller 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 of income.
- Would address HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) rental assistance levels
- Pledges to address the city's dependence on single-room occupancy (SRO) housing and work to develop enforceable standards for housing providers and facilities.
- Supports developing housing placement assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS and dedicating the city's resources to affordable housing solutions.

Positions on the Coordination and Monitoring of City AIDS Services

- Supports re-establishment of Mayoral Office of AIDS Policy.

Positions on Additional AIDS Services

- Supports expanding syringe-access programs
- Would advocate for additional HIV legal services to keep people stably housed
- Would advocate to improve prison medical facilities and more immediate care for inmates at Rikers Island with serious health issues, such as HIV/AIDS.

Notable quote: "The City's fiscal crisis has strained its resources. Despite this, I believe that the City must use the resources it has in order to offer compassion and assistance to those among us who are in need."