

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.
- Pledges to address problems with HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) rental assistance levels
- Pledges to address city's dependence on single-room occupancy (SRO) housing by working to direct funding to AIDS service organizations to provide emergency housing
- Pledges to address housing needs for 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 and return the Ryan White Planning Council to the Mayor's Office rather than the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Would create a position in the Public Advocate's office to monitor HASA services, as well as create an HIV/AIDS Consumer Council to meet biweekly with the Public Advocate's Office
- Would demand that all AIDS service organizations receiving public funding have a person living with HIV/AIDS sitting on their Boards of Directors

Positions on Additional AIDS Services:

- Would help secure increased funding for syringe-exchange programs across the city
- Would create position in Public Advocate's office to address inmate health, including HIV/AIDS, at Rikers Island

Other:

- Would call public hearings and judicial hearings when citizens' problems with the city government need to be addressed.

Notable quote: "I believe we should further develop the emergency housing services supported by emergency city grants, which can be raised through new bonds to put complete control of all NYC emergency AIDS housing under the control of trusted ASOs (AIDS Service Organizations) that incorporate community leadership."

