

Comptroller Candidates:

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Positions on Addressing Critical AIDS Housing Issue

- 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 plans to fight for comprehensive AIDS housing programs that include vital support services.
- Would work to address housing needs for undocumented immigrants living with HIV/AIDS.
- Supports the return of housing placement assistance programs that work with people living in SROs to find permanent housing.

Positions on the Coordination and Monitoring of City AIDS Services

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

Positions on Additional AIDS Services

- Would advocate for increased funding for syringe-exchange programs across the city.
- Would work to increase HIV testing in the city by working directly with communities of color and community-based organizations, ensuring language access and culturally sensitive information across all communities.
- Supports state legislation calling for increased resources for prevention and education at city and state correctional facilities.

Other:

- Will fight to use federal stimulus money to restore AIDS housing programs and provide other vital services that people need to remain healthy

Notable Quote: "I opposed the City's practice of putting low-income people living with HIV/AIDS in run-down hotels and other unsafe commercial SROs. We must move away from this practice as it is only a Band-Aid to a growing problem as the City now has more people with HIV/AIDS unemployed, displaced and with no health insurance... I

fully support funding of Scattered Site housing programs that offer comprehensive counseling, social services and case management as well as safe and clean living conditions for people living with HIV/AIDS.”