

**City Council Candidate
(District 22)**

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Positions on Addressing Critical AIDS Housing Issues

- Supports HASA for ALL legislation (rental assistance for poor people with HIV regardless of health status).
- Would advocate for providing HASA benefits and housing for undocumented immigrants living with HIV/AIDS.
- Supports proposed state legislation to cap rents of poor people with HIV in public housing at 30 percent.
- Pledges to address city's dependence and wasteful spending on single-room occupancy (SRO) housing and will work to redirect funding to community-based housing providers.
- Advocates for using HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) funding to create more permanent AIDS housing in the city.

Positions on the Coordination and Monitoring of City AIDS Services

- Would call for re-establishment of Mayoral Office of AIDS Policy.
- Advocates for a strong role for PLWHA in designing and influencing policy in City Council, not just testimony at hearings.

Positions on Additional AIDS Services:

- Would help secure increased funding for syringe-exchange programs across the city and to expand syringe access.
- Will fight for comprehensive sex education in New York City Schools.
- Would call for a close examination of complacency and abuse reports from Prison Health Services employees before their contract is renewed at Rikers Island. Will advocate for better health care for those who are HIV-positive while incarcerated and upon release.
- Will continue to advocate for increased funding for HIV testing initiatives and will advocate to protect written informed consent.

Notable quote: "Housing *is* healthcare. Under the Mayor's 80/20 program and rezoning requirements, developers have been mandated to create affordable units in communities where they are building. A percentage of these should be prioritized for HASA... Investing in stable, affordable housing will provide needed relief to our overburdened hospitals and crisis treatment programs and reduce the stress of constantly moving to people living with HIV and AIDS."

