

Candidate For: Public Advocate

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Are you an incumbent? Not for the office of Public Advocate

Under the current term limits law, how many additional terms, after this one, will you be able to serve? I am eligible for one more Council term but do not plan to run.

Education:

High School: Cambridge Rindge and Latin School

College: NYU

Graduate/Professional: Masters from Columbia School of International and Public Affairs.

1. I received support to pay for college from:

I paid for college through a combination of merit scholarships, loans, working during the summers, and family support.

2. In my view, paying for public higher education (CUNY) should primarily be the responsibility of:

Government

3. Public funding to higher education has fallen sharply over the last two decades. Since 1991, NY State funding per student for CUNY senior colleges fell 14% and, for CUNY community colleges, it fell by 25.6%. Though NY City began to restore funding to CUNY community colleges five years ago, proposed budget cuts this year will eliminate this advance. What would you do to increase public investment in CUNY?

Our public higher education system is one of New York City's greatest strengths. Especially in such difficult economic times, we need to continue supporting CUNY because it is one of the strongest workforce development engines of our City and will help us to create a sustainable economy for the future. I pledge to work with CUNY, the Comptroller, the City Council, and the Administration to identify long-term funding strategies for CUNY that are not reliant on steep tuition hikes or cuts in quality or opportunities for students.

Additionally, I will continue to work with my colleagues in government to fight proposed cuts to CUNY community colleges and support funding for important initiatives like the Vallone Scholarship.

I further believe that the City (HRA in particular) should form a close partnership with CUNY to encourage Public Assistance recipients to engage in education and training. By opening up these opportunities for Public Assistance recipients who are eligible for education and training vouchers, we can help numerous low income New Yorkers to become self sufficient and also provide additional students and funding support to CUNY.

4. More than 50% of CUNY students come from households with annual income below \$40,000, but students will pay 15% more on average next year to attend a CUNY senior college and 14% more to attend a community college if tuition hikes go through. Overall, student tuition makes up 40% of CUNY's total operating revenue and the CUNY Master Plan ("CUNY Compact") calls for regular, annual tuition hikes.

4a. Do you support or oppose the current tuition increases?

I oppose the current tuition increases.

4b. Do you support or oppose the CUNY Compact's call for annual tuition increases?

I oppose the CUNY Compact's call for annual tuition increases as a model for funding CUNY into the future.

4c. What would you do to relieve the burden on students and families to pay for CUNY?

We cannot fully support and strengthen CUNY through over-burdening CUNY students. This requires substantial public investment. As Public Advocate, I will fight to preserve and increase funding for public higher education by ensuring that we have sufficient revenue coming in, such as we did earlier this year with the State progressive income tax increase and just this week with the sales tax increase.

Additionally, as Public Advocate I will work with the Independent Budget Office to demonstrate the immense contribution that CUNY institutions, students and faculty make to New York City's economy, thereby making it an investment that truly pays off for years into the future.

4d. Some economists argue that earning a college degree enables a student to get a good-paying job upon graduation, and, therefore, government policy should be structured around an expectation of students to finance their education by taking out loans. Do you agree or disagree with a higher education financing policy that is structured around students taking out loans to finance tuition increases.

I do not think that we can increase tuition based on the expectation that these increases will be entirely supported by additional student loans.

5. CUNY enrollments are higher than at any other time in history, but in 1975 (the last enrollment peak), CUNY had 11,500 full-time faculty and now it has 6,800. Similarly, there has been a decline in the number of professional and support staff. CUNY now has 9,000 adjunct faculty and 1,000 adjunct professional staff who are part-time and low-paid. The dramatic decline of the full-time workforce and reliance on an exploited and over-stretched part-time workforce compromises the quality of education and the University's ability to deliver educational services to students.

5a. What specific policies would you advocate to provide CUNY with the resources to hire more full-time faculty, counselors, professional and other staff?

Fully supporting CUNY (including ensuring that it has a strong student-faculty ratio) must be the policy of the City of New York. It requires consistent, significant public investment. As stated above, I will work to achieve this through fighting to ensure that we have sufficient revenue coming in, such as we did earlier this year with the State progressive income tax increase and this week with the sales tax increase. Additionally, as Public Advocate I will work with the Independent Budget Office to demonstrate the immense contribution that CUNY institutions, students and faculty make to New York City, thereby making it an investment that truly pays off for years into the future.

5b. What specific policies would you advocate to improve the wages and working conditions of part-time adjunct faculty and staff that currently provide half the instruction at CUNY?

I believe that adjunct faculty, many of whom have been teaching in the CUNY system for years, should be treated with respect and provided with fair working conditions. Adjunct faculty aren't eligible for unemployment between semesters, though they do not have a guarantee of employment from one term to the next. I support State legislation that would provide these members of the faculty with reasonable access to unemployment benefits between semesters. Additionally, when CUNY does not re-hire an adjunct faculty member, the institution does not consider it a layoff. In reality, these are layoffs. By recognizing that, we can begin to ensure that workers are provided with adequate benefits and consideration.

6. What are your view on New York City's current tax structure? If you are elected, what specific tax and revenue policies would you advocate?

New York City has needed additional revenue to continue operating and providing the services New Yorkers depend on. I am a supporter of progressive tax solutions, such as Fair Share Tax Reform and the progressive personal income tax increase approved at the State level.

I believe strongly that we should try everything possible to avoid sales tax and fee increases, but ultimately we cannot take such options off the table because it is most important to keep City services fully funded.

7. What fiscal policies would you advocate to help New York City maintain public services during the current recession?

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8. In your view, where does CUNY stand, as a priority, in New York's development and economic recovery?

CUNY faculty and students contribute a tremendous amount to New York City's academic, economic and cultural landscape. Supporting CUNY is an integral part of our City's economic recovery. Investing in CUNY will undoubtedly have a ripple effect on our City's troubled economy, by encouraging innovation, growing our economy, and equipping thousands upon thousands of students with the skills and academic training to lead New York City through this recession and into the future.

9. Academic freedom is important because adherence to it allows colleges and universities to best serve the public interest. For this reason, the university must be a place where all ideas, even those that are unpopular, may be freely expressed and debated without interference from management, trustees or public officials. Yet, for short-term political advantage, politicians have undermined academic freedom by publicly attacking unpopular speech by faculty and calling for punitive action by college or university managements. Such public calls go beyond simple disagreement.

9a. Do you agree that it is necessary to uphold academic freedom at CUNY and other colleges and universities? Will you agree to avoid taking unfair political advantage of unpopular speech on campuses?

I agree it is necessary to uphold academic freedom at CUNY and other colleges and universities, and agree to avoid taking unfair political advantage of unpopular speech on campuses.

9b. Academic freedom also extends to pedagogical practices, academic standards and curriculum and program decisions. Who do you believe is best placed to make determinations about these matters: faculty, college administrators, community organizations, private businesses, or public officials.

I believe it is most appropriate for the faculty to make determinations about matters such as pedagogical practices, academic standards and curriculum and programming.

10. Do you believe that public employees should have the same right to strike as private employees? Please explain?

While I understand that the Taylor Law serves an important function by establishing collective bargaining rights, I also believe we need to reform the law so that is less punitive to workers, and provides for penalties when management doesn't bargain in good faith.

11. In general, public employees have had more generous health and pension benefits than private employees. Some politicians have used this disparity to argue for a diminution of public employee benefits and blamed New York's fiscal problems on such benefits. Do you believe public employees health and pension benefits should be maintained, reduced or enhanced? Please be as specific as possible.

I believe that we are obligated to give workers the benefits that they were promised. We cannot take those away. In the same vein, we cannot make promises that we can't keep. We will need to assess the harsh picture of what's to come, and see how we can maximize the benefits for future workers while being fair but realistic.

12. Incumbents, please list your committee and subcommittee memberships and indicate if you are chair.

General Welfare Committee - Chair
Education Committee
Environmental Protection Committee
Finance Committee
Technology and Government Committee

13. Please list the bills you have introduced or co-sponsored in support of CUNY and higher education, or other actions you have taken in this cause:

Intro 93 of 2002 would have increased education and training opportunities for Public Assistance recipients. This law went through the General Welfare committee, where I advocated for it strongly. It was vetoed by the Mayor and ultimately turned down in court, costing thousands of New Yorkers additional education and training opportunities.

14. Please list other legislation that you have introduced or co-sponsored in the last two legislative sessions.

Please see below.

15. Please describe other actions you have taken in support of union-related initiatives.

Throughout my career I have been incredibly proud to fight alongside workers who are fighting for the right to organize and fair wages and benefits.

Some examples of recent fights I have actively supported include the UNITE HERE Aramark campaign, the 32BJ Commercial Contract campaign, the CWA Verizon contract campaign and the SEIU 1199 Home Health Aide Workers campaign. I will stand with workers whenever possible to demand fair treatment.

In addition to demonstrating solidarity with workers engaged in a fight, I have been consistent in supporting union scale jobs in development projects in my district and will continue this approach as the Public Advocate. Recent examples of this include:

Facilitating the negotiation of union labor deals for the Toll Brothers project, a major development in the Gowanus area of Brooklyn.

Joining with UNITE HERE to stand against hotel development in the Gowanus area without special hotel permits.

Through my work on the City Council, and in the General Welfare Committee in particular, I have worked very closely with unions in the areas of education and child care:

UFT, ACORN, CSA, CLC, UNITE HERE, 32BJ, WFP: In the spring I joined these groups among others in the fight to restore classroom budget cuts. I sponsored legislation co-sponsored by 45 other Councilmembers, organized town halls in Brooklyn and committed to voting NO on a budget that did not restore classroom funding.

UFT/ACORN – A few years ago UFT and ACORN took on the incredible task of unionizing tens of thousands of home-based child care providers.

These are predominantly low-income women of color who provide child care to other low-income families. In addition to working with the UFT and ACORN to advocate for better wages and fairer treatment, I have fought to secure a major budget initiative for these workers. For the past three years I have sponsored Provider's Choice, a program that gives money to child care providers to help them afford basic supplies for their child care programs. Establishing and expanding Providers Choice has been a major victory that the UFT and ACORN were able to deliver to their members.

DC 1707 & CSA– Over the past several years I have worked closely with DC 1707 and CSA to preserve center-based child care in New York city and the union scale jobs that go with it. I have introduced legislation that would assist this cause, I have held multiple oversight hearings, and I will continue fighting.

1199, DC 37, IBT 237 – Working families need access to affordable child care. Over the past two years I have sponsored the Working Parents for a Working New York initiative, a pilot program that provides child care to city workers and analyzes the resulting productivity in the workplace. This study will help us to make the case that it is in both the worker's and the employer's interest to provide child care assistance. Under the study, approximately 300 children of 190 city employees received child care subsidies. Workers receiving subsidies included HHC employees (DC 37), NYPD School Safety Agents (IBT 237), and Home Care workers (SEIU 1199).

LEGISLATION SPONSORED AND CO-SPONSORED:

ty of New York, in relation to city contracts involving the purchase of wood products and materials."

Int 0004-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detecting devices in buildings classified in occupancy groups G, H-2, J-1, J-2 and J-3.

Int 0005-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the withdrawal of city-supervised mitchell-lama developments from the mitchell-lama program

Int 0006-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the issuance of building permits for areas where a rezoning application is pending.

Int 0009-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the replacement of stop signs.

Int 0013-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to clarifying the rights of pet owners in multiple dwellings.

Int 0015-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing penalties for violating the housing maintenance code by failing to provide adequate heat and hot water.

Int 0015-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring regular reports regarding child protective services and family reunification practices at the New York City Administration for Children's Services.

Int 0017-2006 A Local Law to amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to ensuring a timely, comprehensive response to all reports of child abuse and neglect.

Int 0018-2006 a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an assessment of city facilities regarding certain clean on-site power generation technologies.

Int 0019-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to audible pedestrian signals.

Int 0020-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Int 0022-2002 A Local Law in relation to naming thirteen public thoroughfares and public places, Harriet Tubman Square, Borough of Manhattan, Harriet Tubman Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, Amadou Diallo Place, Borough of The Bronx, Steve Mercado Stickball Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, Bobby Bello Field, Borough of Brooklyn, Jonathan Nigro Place, Borough of Brooklyn, Captain Patrick J. Brown Walk, Borough of Manhattan, Father Michael J. McGivney Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Bill Thomas, Sr. Lane, Borough of Brooklyn, Frank LoCicero Bellerose - Hillside Civic Garden, Borough of Queens, Osvaldo Vega Place, Borough of Manhattan, Robert Rodriguez Place, Borough of Manhattan and Firefighter Christopher J. Pickford Street, Borough of Queens.

Int 0022-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to the human rights law.

Int 0024-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to gender-based discrimination.

Int 0024-2004 A Local Law to amend the New York City Charter in relation to notification of community boards of changes of regulations relating to traffic.

Int 0029-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative of the city of New York, in relation to eliminating self-certification of plans submitted to the department of buildings.

Int 0031-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to improving the mechanism for filing complaints and conducting inspections for housing violations.

Int 0032-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to adding information on minority- and woman-owned business enterprises to the City's contract database.

Int 0033-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the regulation of general contractors of new one-, two- or three-family homes.

Int 0034-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to illegal conversions of manufacturing or industrial space to residential use.

Int 0037-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the suspension of alternate side of the street parking rules on the religious holidays of Purim and Ash Wednesday.

Int 0038-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of language assistance services.

Int 0038-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to building access for bicycles.

Int 0039-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing recourse for a property owner whose sidewalk is damaged by a tree under the exclusive care of the city of New York.

Int 0040-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to increasing the fines for false self-certifications of housing code violations, to requiring that occupants are notified when a violation has been self-certified, and to extending the length of time in which the Department of Housing Preservation and Development may reinspect self-certified violations before such violations are "deemed corrected."

Int 0041-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to obligating the City to perform repairs upon sidewalks damaged by City-owned trees, fire hydrants, parking meters, emergency call boxes or other such public amenities.

Int 0042-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to equal access to bathroom facilities.

Int 0043-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing an interagency coordinating council on health.

Int 0047-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a computerized database containing information relating to the storage and handling of hazardous substances and emergency responses to the release of hazardous substances.

Int 0048-2002 A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to hiring on construction projects funded by the city.

Int 0050-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing penalties for violating the housing maintenance code by failing to provide adequate heat and hot water.

Int 0051-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, to mandate the presence of the American Flag at every parade held within the City, and to have it prominently displayed at the beginning of each parade.

Int 0051-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to restricting the purchase and use of sport utility vehicles by the city of New York.

Int 0052-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the displaying of the POW/MIA flag

Int 0053-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the sale, installation and use of motorcycle straight pipes.

Int 0054-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to violations of the noise code that pertain to the operation of motorcycles.

Int 0055-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the prevention of noisy and offensive motorcycles.

Int 0056-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to Staten Island ferry service.

Int 0057-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to abating rats as a requirement for foundation or earthwork permits.

Int 0057-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the posting of notices of provisions of the human rights law.

Int 0058-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring protective devices for seniors and disabled persons who reside in multiple dwellings.

Int 0059-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the naming of city streets and parks.

Int 0061-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting landlords from discriminating against tenants based on lawful source of income.

Int 0065-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the preparation of reports on city waterfront property and citywide needs.

Int 0066-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York in order to ensure that low-wage workers employed by firms receiving certain service contracts from the City of New York are paid a living wage and are provided health benefits.

Int 0066-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to apprenticeship training programs for city construction contractors.

Int 0067-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the City from doing business with institutions that engage, directly or indirectly, in predatory lending practices, and to regulate the participation of home improvement contractors in the home-loan market.

Int 0068-2004 A Local Law to amend the New York City charter in relation to prohibiting any funding or assistance to any entity that provides any support, material or otherwise, to the terrorist organizations Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad, and to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting city contracts with entities that fund or assist Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad.

Int 0069-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the procurement by city agencies of printing using inks manufactured from vegetable oils.

Int 0070-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to civil penalties for violations of the littering law.

Int 0072-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to licensing of demolition contractors and providing for the registration of demolition contracting businesses.

Int 0073-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring construction site safety coordinators on demolition sites.

Int 0075-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that city-funded public hospitals and health facilities contract with only those pharmaceutical companies that offer discounted prescription drugs to low-income medicare beneficiaries who have no alternative outpatient prescription drug coverage.

Int 0075-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to pedicabs.

Int 0076-2002 A Local Law in relation to a street name, Jonathan Nigro Place, Borough of Brooklyn.

Int 0076-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing recourse for a property owner whose sidewalk is damaged by a tree under the exclusive care of the city of New York.

Int 0077-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to obligating the City to perform repairs upon sidewalks damaged by City-owned trees, fire hydrants, parking meters, emergency call boxes or other such public amenities.

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Int 0079-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing fines for dumping household and commercial refuse into public litter baskets.

Int 0081-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring food vendors and general vendors to keep the area in which they vend free from litter.

Int 0081-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the sale and installation of audible motor vehicle alarms.

Int 0082-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to increasing the fines for false self-certifications of housing code violations, to requiring that occupants are notified when a violation has been self-certified, and to extending the length of time in which the Department of Housing Preservation and Development may reinspect self-certified violations before such violations are "deemed corrected."

Int 0083-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the protection of public employee whistleblowers.

Int 0086-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the placement of automatic external defibrillators at certain public places.

Int 0088-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the distribution of weekly circulars in a plastic bag to dwellings and to repeal subdivision five of section 16-118 of such code.

Int 0089-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing civil penalties for the improper disposal of commercial and residential solid waste.

Int 0090-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing minimum fines for the violation of or nonconformance with provisions of the health code or any other applicable law, rule or regulation pertaining to the eradication of rodents, the elimination of rodent harborages or other rodent related nuisances.

Int 0092-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to ameliorating the trash problem caused by distribution boxes.

Int 0093-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to education and training for public assistance recipients.

Int 0094-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the distribution of an annual health plan report card to city employees and retirees.

Int 0094-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to Staten Island ferry service.

Int 0095-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the regulation of news boxes.

Int 0096-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the standards of conduct of employment agencies and employers of domestic or household employees placed by employment agencies.

Int 0097-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, to provide employment discrimination protection to participants in the work experience program and other workfare programs.

Int 0100-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the use of non-wood bats by minors.

Int 0101-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to childhood lead poisoning prevention, including the avoidance and remediation of lead-based paint hazards in housing and day care facilities, the repeal of local law number 38 for the year 1999 and the repeal of subdivision h of section 27-2013 and section 27-2126 of such code.

Int 0101-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to recycling.

Int 0102-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing fines for dumping household and commercial refuse into public litter baskets.

Int 0104-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring food vendors and general vendors to keep the area in which they vend free from litter.

Int 0104-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the collection for recycling, reuse and safe handling of electronic equipment in the city of New York.

Int 0107-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring reasonable accommodatioviolence, sex offenses or stalking.

Int 0108-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to city contracts involving the purchase of wood products and materials.

Int 0109-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the purchase of re-refined motor oil by city agencies for use in city vehicles.

Int 0110-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York City charter, in relation to the provision of ambulance service.

Int 0113-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to information distribution and annual reporting with respect to the availability and utilization of clinical preventive medical services provided to city employees, retirees and covered family members by health maintenance organizations, health insurance companies and medicare plan providers under contract with the city of New York to provide health insurance coverage to such employees, retirees and covered family members.

Int 0114-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the recognition of marriages that are not recognized by the state of New York, domestic partnerships, and civil unions, lawfully entered into in other jurisdictions.

Int 0114-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing penalties for violating the housing maintenance code by failing to provide adequate heat and hot water.

Int 0115-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to creating a tenants' bill of rights and responsibilities.

Int 0117-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to abating rats as a requirement for foundation or earthwork permits.

Int 0118-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York City charter, in relation to the provision of ambulance service.

Int 0119-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring that official publications of city agencies be submitted in electronic format to the department of records and information services and be made available to the public through the department's website.

Int 0119-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to the human rights law.

Int 0120-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to securing access for emergency domestic violence shelter.

Int 0121-2002 A Local Law in relation to a street name, "Bill Thomas, Sr. Lane", Borough of Brooklyn.

Int 0121-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the placement of two-way radios, cellular phones and tracking devices on school buses.

Int 0122-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting requirements pursuant to the community right-to-know law.

Int 0123-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing civil penalties for water pollution, drainage, and sewer control violations, and to repeal subdivision b of section 24-513, relating to the penalty imposed for violating such section.

Int 0125-2004 A Local Law to amend the New York City Administrative Code, in relation to creating a Referenda Finance Program within the current Campaign Finance Program.

Int 0127-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to any handbill, poster, notice, sign or advertisement attached to or placed upon motor vehicles, and civil and criminal penalties relating thereto.

Int 0127-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to track and report deaths of homeless persons in the city of New York.

Int 0132-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a comprehensive policy for city employees regarding domestic violence and the workplace.

Int 0132-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to demolition work without a permit on one- or two-family dwellings.

Int 0133-2004 A Local Law to amend the New York City Administrative Code to notify customers that current prices must by law be posted on the prescription price list and to require pharmacies to post senior citizen discounts on prescription drugs.

Int 0135-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to rent increase exemptions for low-income elderly persons.

Int 0135-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to prohibiting buses from operating on narrow streets.

Int 0136-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the civil penalties for violations of section 17-620 of such code prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Int 0137-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification to community boards and council members of certain temporary closing of streets.

Int 0137-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of equal employment benefits to the employees of city contractors.

Int 0138-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to gates used to secure commercial premises.

Int 0146-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting requirements for housing subsidies provided by the city of New York.

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Int 0153-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to prohibiting buses from operating on narrow streets.

Int 0154-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York City Administrative Code to notify customers that current prices must by law be posted on the prescription price list and to require pharmacies to post senior citizen discounts on prescription drugs.

Int 0155-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to building access for bicycles.

Int 0156-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to the procurement of energy efficient products.

Int 0156-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring all taxicabs placed into operation after December 31, 2005 to use alternative fuel.

Int 0157-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring all taxicabs to have child booster seats available for passenger use.

Int 0158-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to public awareness city-wide of energy conservation measures through the department of environmental protection.

Int 0159-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requirements for high performance buildings.

Int 0161-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the storage of salt for purposes of snow removal.

Int 0161-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to preventing the use of government subsidies to rent residential properties with a record of hazardous or seriously hazardous conditions.

Int 0162-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing penalties for violating the housing maintenance code by failing to provide adequate heat and hot water.

Int 0168-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York City Police Department to collect and report data regarding arrests arising out of domestic incidents.

Int 0168-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and the best available technology for reducing the emission of pollutants by diesel fuel-powered ferries owned or operated by the city of New York.

Int 0169-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a fixed buffer zone around reproductive health care facilities.

Int 0172-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to amending the Smoke-Free Air Act of 1995 to prohibit smoking in restaurants, regardless of seating capacity, in private offices when more than its occupant is present, and in city owned vehicles.

Int 0173-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that commercial film and photographic print processors report child pornography to law enforcement officials.

Int 0174-2004 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring the department of information technology and telecommunications to make available periodic reports regarding data collected from the 311 Citizen Service Center.

Int 0175-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the civil penalties for violations of section 17-620 of such code prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Int 0176-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a comprehensive policy for city employees regarding domestic violence and the workplace.

Int 0178-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting landlords to discriminate against tenants based on lawful source of income.

Int 0179-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to littering to include all premises in the citywide routing system.

Int 0184-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to exhibitionist behavior on motorcycles.

Int 0186-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating a right of first refusal and a first opportunity to purchase.

Int 0188-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting acts of harassment at schools.

Int 0189-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting landlords to discriminate against tenants based on lawful source of income.

Int 0189-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to clarifying the rights of pet owners in multiple dwellings.

Int 0191-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and the best available technology by nonroad vehicles in city construction.

Int 0193-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to rent increase exemptions for low-income elderly persons.

Int 0195-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing access to check cashing facilities for people having physical disabilities.

Int 0197-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to creating a cause of action against manufacturers of certain weapons.

Int 0198-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the sufficiency of proof of domestic partnership as evidence of the existence of a family unit for purposes of applications for shelter provided by the department of homeless services.

Int 0202-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing for baby changing stations in public places.

Int 0202-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification to community boards and council members of certain temporary closing of streets.

Int 0205-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the ownership and operation by local electric corporations of any piece of electrical-related infrastructure in the city of New York.

Int 0207-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York to create a strict liability cause of action against manufacturers of assault weapons.

Int 0207-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to make nurses available to public and private primary and intermediate schools.

Int 0208-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the procurement of handguns by city agencies.

Int 0209-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring the police department of the city of New York to submit certain information regarding gun arrests, gun seizures and handgun, rifle and shotgun registration to the City Council.

Int 0210-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to imposing a civil penalty upon the manufacturers of certain weapons illegally used to injure or kill city employees.

Int 0211-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the issuance of a permit for the possession and purchase of rifles and shotguns to certain persons.

Int 0211-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the placement of automated external defibrillators at certain public places.

Int 0215-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York City charter, in relation to requiring the chancellor of the city school district to submit to the Council quarterly reports on the status of all school capital projects.

Int 0216-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the penalties for a violation of a stop work order.

Int 0217-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the installation of fire sprinklers in establishments or facilities that provide services for animals.

Int 0218-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a surcharge on wireless communications service for the purpose of funding public safety communications networks.

Int 0219-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the enhanced 911 emergency telephone system surcharge.

Int 0221-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the rate of tax on cigarettes.

Int 0221-2004 A Local Law to amend the New York City charter, in relation to requiring the Department of Education to provide certain security measures for nonpublic schools.

Int 0223-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to immigration assistance services.

Int 0237-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to issuance of a certificate of fitness for individuals working on supported scaffolds.

Int 0238-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York City Charter, in relation to qualifications for the office of Council Member.

Int 0239-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to displaced building service workers.

Int 0240-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to unlawful posting.

Int 0240-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to allowing any member of the police force, while off-duty, to provide security at locations where alcohol is used or sold.

Int 0246-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of investigation to provide training to city officers and employees, as well as certain public officials, regarding the City's whistleblower law.

Int 0250-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring all taxicabs to have child booster seats available for passenger use.

Int 0250-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to truck routing sheets and maps depicting legal truck routes.

Int 0251-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detecting devices in buildings classified in occupancy groups G, H-2, J-1, J-2 and J-3.

Int 0252-2002 A Local Law in relation to naming eighty-one public thoroughfares and public places, Martin J. Egan, Jr. Corner, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. Steven J.

Bates Street, Borough

of Queens, Lt. Michael P. Warchola Way, Borough of Queens, Lt. Kevin Pfeifer Place, Borough of Queens, Lieutenant Kenneth J. Phelan Way, Borough of Queens, Firefighter Vincent S. Morello Street, Borough of Queens, Firefighters Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, Deputy Chief Orio J. Palmer Way, Borough of The Bronx, Firefighter Gregory Saucedo Triangle, Borough of Brooklyn, Jimmy Quinn Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Jason DeFazio Way, Borough of Staten Island, P.O. Moira Smith Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Michael D. Mullan Way, Borough of Queens, Firefighter Jimmy Riches Way, Borough of Brooklyn, AnnMarie Riccoboni Way, Borough of Queens, Lawrence Virgilio Street, Borough of Queens, Firefighter Salvatore Calabro Place, Borough of Staten Island, Donald DiFranco Way, Borough of Staten Island, Debra Ann DiMartino Way, Borough of Staten Island, Joseph Di Pilato Place, Borough of Staten Island, Steven M. Hagis Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michele B. Lanza Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lorraine Lee Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael Massaroli Way, Borough of Staten Island, Charles A. Mauro, Jr. Place, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. Paul T. Mitchell Place,

Borough of Staten Island, Salvatore T. Papasso Way, Borough of Staten Island, Cira Marie Patti Way, Borough of Staten Island, Mark Petrocelli Way, Borough of Staten Island, Joseph Plumitallo Way, Borough of Staten Island, Patricia Puma Way, Borough of Staten Island, Peter Raimondi Way, Borough of Staten Island, Joseph Reina, Jr. Way, Borough of Staten Island, Adele Sessa Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael Stabile Way, Borough of Staten Island, Firefighter John P. Tierney Place, Borough of Staten Island, Joseph G. Visciano Place, Borough of Staten Island, Frank Thomas "F.T."

Aquilino Way, Borough of Staten Island, Adam P. Arias Way, Borough of Staten Island, Louis F. Aversano, Jr. Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael E. Beekman Way, Borough of Staten Island, Firefighter Greg J. Buck Place, Borough of Staten Island, Milton Gilberto Bustillo Way, Borough of Staten Island, Monica Goldstein Way, Borough of Staten Island, Vincent Laieta Jr., Way, Borough of Staten Island, Jeannine LaVerde Way, Borough of Staten Island, Stephanie McKenna Way, Borough of Staten Island, Richard Miuccio Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. Philip S. Petti Place, Borough of Staten Island, Shawn E. Bowman, Jr. Way, Borough of Staten Island, Firefighter Thomas P. Hannafin Place, Borough of Staten Island, Robert J. Shay, Jr. Way, Borough of Staten Island, Firefighter Manuel Del Valle, Jr., Street, Borough of Manhattan, Benjamin Keefe Clark Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Firefighter John Heffernan Street, Borough of Queens, Firefighter Scott A. Larsen Boulevard, Borough of Queens, Capt.

Patrick Waters Road,

Borough of Queens, Firefighter John J. Florio Place, Borough of Queens, Firefighter Daniel T. Suhr Place, Borough of Brooklyn, Firefighter Joseph Patrick Henry Lane, Borough of Brooklyn, Firefighter Sergio Gabriel Villanueva Way, Borough of Queens, Calvin Gooding, Jr. Place, Borough of Queens, Firefighter Michael Cammarata Place, Borough of Staten Island,

Firefighter William Henry Avenue, Borough of Queens, Detective Claude "Danny" Richards Way, Borough of Manhattan, Firefighter Angel Luis Juarbe, Jr. Avenue, Borough of The Bronx, Captain Vincent E. Brunton Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Lt. Joseph Gullickson Way, Borough of Staten Island, Carl A. DeFranco Avenue, Borough of Staten Island, Brian Nunez Way, Borough of Staten Island, Firefighter Michael Weinberg Way, Borough of Queens, William M. Feehan Triangle, Borough of Queens, Captain James J. Corrigan Way, Borough of Queens, Anne Marie Martino-Cramer Way, Borough of Staten Island, Kristen L. Montanaro Way, Borough of Staten Island, Firefighter Lenny Ragaglia Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. Chuck Margiotta Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael A. Marti Street, Borough of Queens, Lt. Michael T. Quilty Way, Borough of Staten Island, Assistant Chief Gerard A. Barbara Way, Borough of Staten Island and E.M.T. David Marc Sullins Place, Borough of Queens.

Int 0252-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to licensing of demolition contractors and providing for the registration of demolition contracting businesses.

Int 0252-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to maintaining maintenance hole covers and electrical-related infrastructure.

Int 0253-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring construction site safety coordinators on demolition sites.

Int 0256-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the prohibition of smoking in public places and places of employment

Int 0256-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a computerized database containing information relating to the storage and handling of hazardous substances and emergency responses to the release of hazardous substances.

Int 0257-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to restricting the use of mobile telephones in a place of public performance.

Int 0257-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to emergency lighting and exit signs.

Int 0259-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the repair and maintenance of street and sidewalk surfaces.

Int 0261-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to standards and specifications for accessible water borne commuter services facilities for disabled persons in New York City.

Int 0265-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to tax exemptions for low-income elderly persons.

Int 0266-2004 A Local Law to amend the New York City charter, in relation to the administration for children's services.

Int 0267-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing on-demand ground vehicle transportation in areas underserved by taxicabs by establishing stands where licensed for-hire vehicles may accept passengers without prearrangement.

Int 0272-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to creating drug-free zones in city-owned playgrounds.

Int 0273-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the replacement of stop signs.

Int 0273-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the use of non-wood bats by high school age children.

Int 0274-2002 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter to require that the department of homeless services give notice, before developing, planning, rehabilitating or engaging in a contract to develop transitional housing and services, to the council member for the district in which such transitional housing and services are to be located, to the president of the borough in which such transitional housing and services are to be located, to the community board for the district in which such transitional housing and services are to be located and to the department of city planning.

Int 0274-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that commercial film and photographic print processors report child pornography to law enforcement officials.

Int 0278-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring pharmacies to post signs regarding the sale of emergency contraception, and penalties regarding posting of notices in pharmacies.

Int 0281-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the administration of emergency contraception to rape victims in emergency departments.

Int 0285-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health to make available emergency contraception at its health centers, health stations, health clinics or other health facilities.

Int 0287-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring all taxicabs placed into operation after December 31, 2003 to use alternative fuel.

Int 0289-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to adding information on minority- and woman-owned business enterprises to the City's contract database.

Int 0290-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to hiring on construction projects funded by the city.

Int 0291-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the sale, installation and use of motorcycle straight pipes.

Int 0293-2006 A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to distributing information on public health insurance options at day care centers.

Int 0294-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the pre-qualification of bidders for public works contracts.

Int 0298-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to banning the sale of toy guns.

Int 0299-2006 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to imposing sanctions upon professional engineers and registered architects that self-certify false or noncompliant building permit applications or plans.

Int 0301-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring retail merchants to post a list of clothing and footwear items exempt from New York State and New York City sales tax.

Int 0305-2002 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to awnings.

Int 0305-2004 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting housing discrimination against actual or perceived victims of domestic violence, sex offense

Bill de Blasio - - BIO

Bill de Blasio has dedicated his career to standing up for New Yorkers and delivering results for our city. As a leader in the community and the City Council, Bill is a dedicated advocate for the people, keeping government accountable and defending our right to full participation in the democratic process. Whether advocating for parents and children as a School Board member, managing Hillary Rodham Clinton's successful U.S. Senate run in 2000, exercising tough oversight over child welfare services as the General Welfare committee chairman, or leading the effort to oppose Mayor Bloomberg's term limits law, Bill will take on the tough fights to protect the priorities of New Yorkers.

This fall, in response to the Mayor's effort to extend term limits without a voter referendum, Bill organized a large and diverse coalition to stand firmly in opposition to the Mayor's move. Bill's coalition, which not only held together but constantly grew, represented the will of a disenfranchised people who deserve a say in their city's future. Though we did not ultimately win the vote on term limits, together we proved that New Yorkers really can take on the Mayor, and will not let the government circumvent the public.

Throughout his years as a School Board Member and later as a Councilmember, Bill has fought effectively to keep education and child care at the top of the agenda. With two children enrolled in New York City's public schools, Bill and his wife Chirlane know the anxiety all parents face about keeping their children safe and ensuring they have access to affordable child care and quality public schools. While on the School Board, Bill led District 15 to become a pioneer in establishing Universal Pre-Kindergarten and capping first grade class size at 20 students. Bill has continued to champion education in the Council time and time again. In spring 2008, Bill organized a successful coalition of elected officials, parents, children, and advocates to win back millions in critical classroom funding cuts.

Since taking office in 2002, Bill has won approximately \$84 million in additional child care resources, sponsored multiple initiatives to expand child care for low and moderate income families, and organized communities to save child care centers that the city threatened to close.

As the Chair of the Council's General Welfare Committee, no one has worked harder than Bill to protect New York City's most vulnerable populations. In the wake of the death of Nixzmary Brown in 2006, Bill worked tirelessly to reform the City's overburdened and under-funded child welfare system. Through aggressive oversight, Bill helped institute changes that allow the Administration for Children's Services to better protect our city's children. In the Council, Bill authored and passed laws to increase housing access for low-income New Yorkers and protect domestic violence survivors' right to shelter. In his role as General Welfare Chair, Bill helped secure the passage of legislation amending the New York City Human Rights Law to grant domestic partners equal access to the same City benefits that married people enjoy, and as well as legislation that protects New Yorkers from discrimination based on partnership status.

In the City Council Bill has been a leader in protecting the environment for future generations of New Yorkers to enjoy. In 2008, the Council passed Bill's landmark electronics recycling legislation that requires manufacturers of electronics to collect and recycle their products, which contain hazardous materials. Bill has also authored legislation that would ban Styrofoam, as well as bills to increase recycling in schools. In addition, Bill has worked to keep our neighborhoods livable at the local level by stopping out-of-control and out-of-character development, keeping our community clean and ensuring support for vital community based organizations.

Bill's initial introduction to New York City government came during the 1989 Dinkins Mayoral campaign. Following the campaign, Bill served as an aide in the Dinkins Administration, where he eventually met his wife, Chirlane McCray. In 1996, Bill was tapped to run the Clinton-Gore campaign in New York, and then later served as the Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Clinton Administration. In 1999, Bill was elected to serve on the School Board for District 15, and in 2000, Bill managed the campaign for Hillary Rodham Clinton's successful U.S.

Senate bid. The following year, Bill was elected to the City Council and was re-elected overwhelmingly in 2003 and 2005. Bill holds a Bachelors Degree from New York University and a Masters in International and Public Affairs from Columbia University.

Bill and Chirlane live with their two children, Chiara and Dante, on 11th Street in Park Slope. Both children attend New York City public schools.