

Elections Roundup: Weiner As Coiner Of 'Obamacare' Term; Shores Up More Latino Support

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Democratic mayoral candidate Anthony D. Weiner [told The New York Times recently](#) **that he coined the term “Obamacare.”**

But, yesterday, after the claim was roundly criticized, a spokeswoman for Weiner [told the Times that the candidate](#)

“did not mean that he was the first person to use the term — only the first not he left to embrace it unapologetically.”

Two mayoral candidates like the idea of an R train to Staten Island: [Capital New York reports](#) that Democrat Erick Salgado and Republican Joe Lhota back the idea of extending the train across the Narrows to Staten Island.

"When my father was very ill in the Bronx, it cost me \$59 to see my father, from Staten Island to the Bronx," Salgado, an evangelical minister, told reporter Dana Rubinstein. "So we have to make sure that we extend the R train."

Lhota, who was the head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority before he left to run for mayor, said the idea should be considered. "We need to make sure that this island is not the forgotten borough. It is equal to all of the other boroughs and you need to have your fair share of mass transit."

Three Democratic mayoral candidates [waded into the politics of rent control yesterday](#). City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, Public Advocate Bill de Blasio and Comptroller John C. Liu called for a rent freeze, which did not make property owners so happy.