

Urban Issues: Presidential Candidates and NYC

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Although the presidential candidates are spending much of their time and money campaigning in the rural and suburban areas in "swing states"; this year, the Democrats and Republicans will hold their annual conventions in the urban settings of Boston and New York City. And while the candidates and political parties will be eager to win over city residents, it is not always clear where they stand on the issues facing the city.

As a guide for voters, Gotham Gazette presents an issue-by-issue breakdown of the candidates urban agendas. Compare the candidates on broad issues, then click on [more](#) for expanded details and a series of articles on federal policy and New York City. For more on whether there even is an urban agenda in presidential politics, read Gotham Gazette's [article](#).

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ANTI-TERRORISM

â€ Aid for Local Police

Would increase [Homeland Security](#) money for states and cities by \$3.6 billion next year.

Would reimburse [cities](#) for Homeland Security expenses, create a fund to hire firefighters

[more](#)

â€ Bioterrorism

Established a [program](#) in major cities. Would appoint

[more](#)

â€ Patriot Act

Would continue to [support](#) the Patriot Act. Would amend

CIVIL RIGHTS

â€ Affirmative Action

Opposes racial quotas and [preferences](#). Supports affirmative [action](#) programs

[more](#)

â€ Gay and Lesb

Opposes [gay marriage](#); support Opposes [gay](#) rights

[more](#)

CRIME

â€ Gun Laws

Supports [background](#) checks a Supports [background](#) checks

[more](#)

â€ Policing/

Sentencing

Cut funding for [community](#) policing Supports [community](#) policing

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â€˜ Death Pen

Supports the death penalty [more](#)

Opposes the death pe

[more](#)

ECONOMY

â€˜ Jobs

Issued

tax breaks [that](#) he says Promises to create [Worldio](#)

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â€˜ Minimum

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raise mi

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â€˜ North Ame

Supports NAFTA and [says](#) it help Would

amend M

[more](#)

â€˜ Taxes

Would continue tax [cuts](#) totaling Would

repeal ta

[more](#)

EDUCATION

â€˜ Higher Ed

Would

increase [grants](#) to need Would support [and](#) [group](#)

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â€˜ No Child L

Would continue to [supp](#)ort the No Would

reform th

[more](#)

â€˜ Vouchers

Supports vouchers [for](#) private sch Opposes

vouch

[more](#)

HEALTH CARE

Signed Medicare [reform](#), giving Would

[more](#)

HOUSING

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continue [to sup](#)port prog Would support [needs](#) [respe](#)

[more](#)

IMMIGRATION

Would offer temporary [visa](#)s to Would

reform cur [the](#) [policy](#) to expedite [citizenship](#) [pre](#)

MASS TRANSIT

Would continue [to sup](#)port fede Would

[more](#)

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[POVERTY](#)

Would

increase [work](#) requirements? Would

provide job training?

[more](#)