

Jumaane Williams Weighs in on Romney Comments

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"For anyone still undecided between President Obama's leadership and the Republican alternative, I encourage them to watch this footage of how Mitt Romney honestly values, or rather devalues, much of this country," said Councilman Jumaane Williams in a press release.

Williams, one of the Council's most progressive and outspoken members, has joined the [chorus of New York Democrats](#)

condemning comments made by Mitt Romney during a fundraiser captured on secretly recorded video. Romney seems to dismiss 47 percent of the country he says pay no taxes, writes off the possibility of peace between Israel and Palestine and makes various other blunt remarks on touchy subjects. You can check out the [video here](#)

. New York Republicans have [tried to "clarify"](#) Romney's comments.

"In front of his highest dollar supporters, at the home of a hedge fund manager, this presidential pretender openly dismissed half of America and its struggles," Williams' statement continues.

"Every American in the 47 percent that Romney derides pays taxes and works to contribute to this economy, some possibly at higher percentages than a candidate who hides his money in foreign bank accounts. True leaders don't dismiss people, and they certainly don't say it's not their job to worry about those people."

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