

Quinn: 'Unfortunate' Someone Would Fake Her Website

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City Council Speaker and mayoral candidate Christine Quinn hasn't changed her mind about paid sick leave.

An unidentified party faked Quinn's mayoral campaign website and posted a message claiming she now supports a vote on legislation that would mandate paid sick days for employers.

But Quinn said on Wednesday that she hadn't changed her position on paid sick leave — and lamented the fake website.

"I think it's unfortunate that someone would create a website that's a replica of my campaign website when it's not," she said.

Quinn has long held that she supports the spirit of the bill, currently being pushed again by Manhattan Councilwoman Gale Brewer, but won't let it go to a vote. The Council speaker has consistently argued that the city's economy is currently too delicate for struggling business to comply with the proposal.

The fake website -- quinn4ny.org -- was an almost perfect copy Quinn's official homepage at quinn4ny.com, except for the same e-mail message being repeated on the impostor website.

"As mayor of New York, I pledge to represent all New Yorkers, not just the wealthiest one percent or those with back-channel access to politicians like me," said the message about paid sick leave, which was also emailed. "It's time for an up-or-down vote on paid sick days."



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Paid sick leave is a laudable goal for New York. 64 percent of low wage workers—including restaurant workers—have no paid sick days. Over half have gone to work with a contagious illness such as the flu.

At the same time, in our current economic environment, many of our small businesses are hanging on by a thread. That's why I stand with Mayor Michael Bloomberg in opposing paid sick days for New Yorkers.

According to recent polling, 83% of city residents support paid sick days; a veto-proof majority of the City Council stands ready to approve a paid sick leave bill.

As mayor of New York, I pledge to represent all New Yorkers, not just the wealthiest one percent or those with back-channel access to politicians like me.

For basic democracy and human rights, the voices of millions of everyday New Yorkers must be heard.

It's time for an up-or-down vote on paid sick days. Let's bring the bill to the floor of the City Council, debate it in the light of day, and vote. The public deserves transparent and democratic process.

It's what I'm fighting for. I hope you'll join me.

-Christine Quinn

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