

Tenants PAC Endorses De Blasio, Never Considered Weiner

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Public Advocate Bill de Blasio has won the endorsement of the Tenants Political Action Committee in the city's Democratic primary. The PAC says it was impressed by Sal Albanese, Bill Thompson, John Liu and Christine Quinn but decided to go with De Blasio.

Bill de Blasio gets our endorsement for his commitment (in his words) to “re-set the agenda” for a genuine progressive city government, to “de-program the Bloomberg years”; for his opposition to privatization and to government as a handmaiden to private profit takers; for his support for mandatory inclusionary zoning requiring developers to include affordable apartments in all new buildings; and for addressing the economic inequality that is driving more New Yorkers into hardship and poverty.

Anthony Weiner was not among the candidates interviewed by the PAC because he did not submit a questionnaire. However, the PAC notes:

in any case would not consider him for an endorsement because of [his 1994 vote in the City Council to phase out rent protection laws](#)

A major part of the PAC's endorsements was based on whether candidates took donations from the "Jobs For New York PAC," which Tenants PAC calls a "real estate front group."

The PAC also announced endorsements for public advocate, Manhattan Borough President, Queens Borough President and [City Council races](#) .

Tish James, Gale Brewer and Tony Avella recieved nods for public advocate and Queens and Manhattan borough presidents.

Jason Otaño received the nod to fill the Assembly seat vacated by Vito Lopez. Antonio Reynoso recieved the PAC's nod in his race against Lopez in the 34th City Council District.

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