

Today's Headlines: Quinn to Allow Vote on Profiling Bill

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Council Speaker Christine Quinn said she does not support a bill that would open up the courts to claims of racial profiling by the New York Police Department but she will [allow the bills sponsors to submit it for a vote](#)

. Quinn made the comments earlier yesterday before the [first televised debate](#)

between mayoral candidates and likely did it to head off criticism from her opponents. This would be the first time Quinn allowed a vote on a bill she does not support during her tenure as Council Speaker. Quinn has a

[long history](#)

of blocking votes on legislation she does not approve of. "I understand that this is a very important issue for a lot of people so I don't want to stand in the way of there being a vote. And whatever happens, happens," Quinn told reporters, saying she would not strong-arm members to vote against the measure behind the scenes. In her comments yesterday Quinn also proposed

[increasing the police force](#)

by 1,600 officers over the next three years.

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