

Today's Lead: Spitzer's Frenzied, Expensive Campaign

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Eliot Spitzer's entry into the city comptroller race continues to reap headlines. To meet the tight petitioning deadline he's left himself, the scandal scarred ex-governor is [paying canvassers \\$800](#) a day each. He needs [3,750 registered Democrats](#) to sign by tomorrow at midnight. Some say his pitch to aggressively [retool the position](#) will remind voters of his "steamroller" image. Others point out that the office already wields [significant policy powers](#). His stance against [public financing](#) seems to have shifted, or was at least the victim of a frenzied campaign that left him disorganized. He spent a lot of time during political exile in [real estate](#), which brought him quite a bit of wealth.

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