

Today's Lead: Weiner's Latest Scandal

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Mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner [admitted to continuing lewd online exchanges](#) with female admirers well after resigning from Congress amid a sexting scandal.

After images of Weiner's private parts and texts of private conversations with an admirer were made public yesterday by a gossip blog, the former congressman held a news conference to apologize for his behavior and to reaffirm his desire to be the next mayor.

Weiner said he would not drop out of the race. His wife, Huma Abedin, stood by his side.

"We discussed all of this before Anthony decided he would run for mayor, so really what I want to say is, I love him, I have forgiven him, I believe in him," she said in a statement she read to reporters.

With the election increasingly looking like a made-for-the-tabloids drama, the political establishment began calling for the candidate to drop out of the race.

"The serially evasive Mr. Weiner should take his marital troubles and personal compulsions out of the public eye, away from cameras, off the Web and out of the race for mayor of New York City," [The New York Times Editorial Board wrote](#).

A handful of rival candidate for mayor also called for him to drop out.

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