



Bill Thompson
Democrat for Mayor

TALKING POINTS

- Mike Bloomberg has spent the last eight years focusing on those at the top – Wall Street, developers, and the wealthy.
- Today New York City is worse off because of Mike Bloomberg’s misplaced priorities and bad decisions.
 - Unemployment in the City is the highest it’s been since 1993;
 - Water rates have risen 93%;
 - MTA fares have increased;
 - We’re lacking desperately-needed affordable housing;
 - Homelessness in the City has risen 9% since 2005;
 - And while working families struggle to make ends meet, the Mayor gave out \$69 million in raises to the City’s top managerial employees.
- Mike Bloomberg abused his power and overruled the will of the voters to change the term limits law – insisting that no one else could lead the City during the financial crisis. But, the City has become so unaffordable that middle class New Yorkers are leaving.
- Born and raised in New York City, Bill Thompson is the son of a New York City public schoolteacher and a New York State Supreme Court judge.
- Bill knows our neighborhoods because he was raised in our neighborhoods. He understands our schools because they were his schools.
- And he appreciates the challenges we face every day, because he’s faced them too.
- As Mayor, Bill will:
 - Work on the issues that really matter to people across all five boroughs;
 - Grow the economy and put New Yorkers back to work by creating long-term, good-paying jobs;
 - Expand access to affordable housing;
 - Effectively address the challenges in our education system;
 - And ask the wealthy to pay their fair share and take the tax burden off the backs of our middle and working class families.
- Housing, jobs, taxes, schools, the high cost of living –there is a lot at stake in this election. It’s time for new leadership in City Hall.
- Unlike Mike Bloomberg who only cares about those at the top, Bill Thompson will be a Mayor for all New Yorkers.