

Mayoral Control of NYC Schools: Extend it? End it? Change it?

Monday, February 2, 2009...Shortly after 8:00 p.m. Queens Civic Congress Vice President and Education chair Ed Westley introduced our forum on school governance: a panel moderated by Elizabeth Green, GothamSchools, featuring: Dina Paul Parks, Senior Policy Advisor to Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development; Carmen Alvarez, UFT Vice-President for Special Education & Co-chair, UFT Governance Task Force; Phyliss Bullion, Council of Supervisors & Administrators; Leonie Haimson, Executive Director, Class Size Matters; April Humphrey, Campaign for Better Schools; Rob Caloras, Pres., Dist. 26 Community Education Council. Each panelists briefly introduced themselves and answered questioned posed by the moderator. Questions from the audience including Council Member Bill deBlasio and Member of Congress Anthony Weiner followed. The audience include civic leaders and education advocates, as well as representatives of several electeds: Ann Krzyzanowski for Assembly Education Chair Cathy Nolan, Chief of Staff Ruth Wimpfheimer for Assembly Member Mark Weprin who serves on the Education Committee, Martha Ayon and Martha Taylor for Comptroller Bill Thompson, Marie Ternes and Max Pomeranc of Representative Anthony Wiener's staff, and Jennifer Manley of the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit.

Thank you to David Bellel who took [video](#) of our forum. The first hour covers the [panel discussion](#). The second part includes the [Q&A](#). Both are posted on the “parent blog” of [Class Size Matters](#). Also linked below are posts on our forum by Journalist Elizabeth Green of [Gotham Schools](#). Thank you Ed Westley for pulling this together

- Corey

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A few updates on mayoral control debate: video plus a paper

by [Elizabeth Green](#)

[Here's](#) where you can watch video of the mayoral control panel I moderated at the Queens Civic Congress last night, uploaded by David Bellel.

Read the entire post [here](#)

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Weiner doesn't have a question; de Blasio on mayoral autocracy

by [Elizabeth Green](#)

Two unexpected guests popped in at the Queens Civic Congress's [mayoral control panel](#) last night: [Rep. Anthony Weiner](#), a Democrat who is running for mayor, and [City Council Member Bill de Blasio](#), a Brooklyn Democrat who is running for public advocate. The men displayed different styles and positions on school governance.

Weiner, who finds himself in the tricky position of sharing Mayor Bloomberg's [support for mayoral control](#), while opposing Mayor Bloomberg, came last and spent his time mingling and chowing down cake in the back of the room as the panel took questions. Read [more](#).

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February 4, 2009

Weiner and De Blasio: the perfect foils on mayoral control

by [Elizabeth Green](#)

Yesterday I wrote about [two politicians](#) who showed up at the Queens mayoral control panel I moderated Tuesday. Rep. Anthony Weiner, who is running for mayor, declared with a swagger his desire to keep most of mayoral control preserved for himself, when he becomes mayor. (He is taking on Mayor Bloomberg and Comptroller Bill Thompson in the 2009 race.) Read and see more [here](#)

Click [here](#) for the full recommendations the teachers union endorsed, describing how the union would like the mayor's power over the schools curtailed.