

# Thompson gets their vote

In the race for mayor, the score is Bill Thompson, 2 and Bill de Blasio, 1, according to three of New York's leading Caribbean American-owned news media outlets.

Both the Caribbean American Weekly and the weekly Carib News are endorsing Thompson, while the daily News Americas Now.com website is backing de Blasio.

"I'm choosing Bill de Blasio for his plan for middle- to low-income New Yorkers, his extensive immigration focus and, most importantly, for his attention to the Caribbean-American community, unlike most of the other candidates including Bill Thompson," said Felicia Persaud, founder and CEO of News Americas Now.

"For us, the choice came down to the person with a real succinct plan for immigrants in this city," said Persaud, citing de Blasio's promise to fight for causes such as a city-backed ID card that will allow all residents — including undocumented immigrants — to access basic services like opening a bank account or signing an apartment lease; the end city cooperation on federal immigration "detainer requests" for all residents, except those who have been convicted of violent or serious felonies; and support for legislation to allow undocumented immigrants access to driver's licenses.

The Caribbean American Weekly statement on the mayoral race begins, "The Editorial Board of Caribbean American Weekly (CAW) strongly endorses Bill Thompson to be the next Mayor of New York City."

The article/endorsement discussed his Thompson's stance against stop-and-frisk, his call for more police officers, a promise to appoint a schools chancellor who is an educator, his goal to back Comprehensive Immigration Reform on the federal level and his desire to deliver affordable and effective health care and services for the elderly.

Under the Carib News headline, "Our choice for Mayor: William (Bill) Thompson, an earnest public servant, the weekly paper praised several other Democratic candidates, but called Thompson "a visionary" when it comes to education, affordable housing, respecting the rights of all residents of the country, commending his stances.

The paper's endorsement also said Thompson is "head and heels above his opponents," noting that the candidate's the grandson of immigrants from St. Kitts-Nev-is.

On Sept. 10, nine Democrats and three Republicans will compete in primary election for mayor.

The New York Campaign Finance Board has a voter guide featuring candidates' positions, in their own words. Visit

<http://bit.ly/nycvoterguide> to review the contenders before election day.

The League of Women Voters also as a voter's guide. Visit <http://bit.ly/thecandidates> to learn more about the primary candidates.

## All dressed up for Labor Day carnival

Masquerade magic prevailed along Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway for Labor Day's 2013 West Indian American Day Carnival Association's parade on Sept. 2.

Among the masqueraders were the Sesame Flyers International "La Rivière" section and the Haitian-American "Phoenix Refined" masquerade band. Boosted by a feature story in the Daily News' Caribbean Magazine supplement on Sept. 1 — the band had great showings on the route.

The WIADCA's many masquerade competitions yielded a crop of winners from around 35 adult bands and 29 junior carnival bands.

The Ramajay Mas band, and its portrayal of "Reflections of Carnival:

Then & Now," won the high-profile Adult Band (Large) group. And Shawn Antenor of D'Midas International, and his "Musica the Spirit of Lake Guatavita" depiction, captured the Adult King category.

Among the big masquerade winners was the Borokeete band, which captured first place in the Junior Medium Band category, band member Kay Mason's first place in the Adult Queen category and a second-place finish in the Adult Band (Medium) competition.

For full carnival results, send email to [wiaadcainc@gmail.com](mailto:wiaadcainc@gmail.com), visit [www.facebook.com/BrooklynLaborDayCarnival](http://www.facebook.com/BrooklynLaborDayCarnival) and [www.wiaadcainc.org](http://www.wiaadcainc.org), or call (718) 467-1797.

## New book & group show for Bx. artist

Bronx-based artist Laura James is coming to Brooklyn to take part in a group show at the Dorsey's Art Gallery to show off her creations — and a new children's book she illustrated.

The art exhibition, "Women's World II: A Tribute to Women," includes the works of James (whose parents come from Antigua), Diane Davis, Willie Mae Brown and Tabitha Theogege. It opens on Sept. 8 at the gallery, located at 553 Rogers Ave. (between Fenimore and Hawthorne Sts.), from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The show closes on Sept. 29 with a book signing for "When Anna Carries Water," an Olive Senior children's book set in Jamaica and illustrated by James, who is known for her Ethiopian Christian-style paintings.

For information, call (718) 771-3803 or (718)462-9425. For more on James, visit [www.laurajamesart.com](http://www.laurajamesart.com).

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