

# CHRISTINE QUINN: LEARN THE FACTS



**The Slush Fund Scandal:** Quinn allocated millions of dollars to fake charities in the City budget and doled them out in exchange for political favors. She denied knowing about the slush funds while simultaneously describing their use as a "long standing practice." The public has not been updated on the investigation launched by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

**Overturning Term Limits:** After NYers voted twice to keep term limits and after stating emphatically that she supports them, Quinn strong-armed the City Council to overturn term limits in 2009. Quinn was planning to run for Mayor in 2009, but the slush fund scandal destroyed her chances. By overturning term limits, Quinn gave herself four more years in the City Council to attempt to repair her reputation.

**Assault on Democracy:** Quinn has used her power and resources as Speaker to advance her own career at the expense of the democratic process. She has served as the Mayor's rubber stamp at City Hall; has exerted absolute control over the city's legislative agenda by using discretionary funds and bonus money to control the way Council Members vote; has blocked several bills that have a veto-proof majority of sponsors; and has undermined free speech by rubber-stamping limits on the constitutional right to free assembly.

**Campaign Finance Violations:** Quinn has been exposed by the NY Times & Village Voice for breaking campaign finance laws - from using over 30 NYC employees to do campaign work to soliciting and/or accepting contributions from a union and real estate developers who had business in front of the Council.

**Human Rights and Animal Protections:** In report cards issued by the Urban Justice Center and the League of Humane Voters, Quinn has received the lowest scores in the City Council on human rights and animal protection legislation. Since becoming Speaker, Quinn has not only blocked every meaningful animal protection bill introduced at City Hall, but, in an attempt to discredit her critics, she has also fast-tracked faux reform bills that give the impression of helping animals.

**Betrayal of New Yorkers:** In her quest to curry favor with Mayor Bloomberg and repay the real estate developers and other special interests groups who have funded her campaign, Quinn has abandoned, betrayed and lied to NYC voters. In the process, hospitals have been lost, and neighborhoods have been overwhelmed with reckless and destructive development. As the NY Observer stated in June 2012, "Ms. Quinn has made it clear that political calculation, not the common good, is at the heart of her decision-making."

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