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**Questions for Mayoral Forum**

**Question1**

The continued use of Stop and Frisk by the NYPD is justified by Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Kelly by saying that it “works” and is an effective tool to keep the streets safe. Given the facts that (according to NYCLU's 2011 Stop and Frisk Report) the NYPD made 685,724 stops in 2011, that police officers conducted frisks in 381,704 of those cases, and that weapons were found in only 1.9 percent of those instances, how is the stop and frisk policy a justifiable use of tax payer funded police resources without even considering the concerns it raises regarding its effects on civil liberties and the disproportionate impacts on the African-American and Latino communities?

**Question 2**

Currently, the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) has refused to count post-secondary students receiving public assistance hours doing homework toward their “workfare” requirements. New York has recognized that homework is a key part of any higher-education program, and both federal and state regulations were passed allowing the agencies to count these hours towards workfare, but HRA has still refused. What is your position on this? If elected, would you push HRA to count homework hours?

**Question 3**

Ms. Quinn, as Speaker of the New York City Council, you and you alone had the power to let paid sick days legislation come up for a vote. You haven't, despite majority support for the measure on the Council. Although we recognize that these issues are heavily influenced by the legislature in Albany, what will you and the other candidates due to fight for this basic right of the city's workers?