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Switching sides

Has Mayor Giuliani's endorsement of Michael Bloomberg affected your choice for mayor between Bloomberg and Mark Green?



Carol Schimmelpfenney, 36, Manhattan, pharmaceutical worker

"I'm voting for Bloomberg, and Giuliani's endorsement has confirmed my decision."

Dimitrios Angelis, 31, Queens, lawyer

"I'm voting for Bloomberg. Giuliani's endorsement has definitely confirmed it. Endorsements [save] time from my doing the research. I trust Rudy's judgment."





David Frankel, 58, Manhattan, advertising

"I'm voting for Green because I'm a registered Democrat. Giuliani's endorsement hasn't affected my decision, but I'm sure a lot of New Yorkers have been swayed."

Bob Schrum, Manhattan, restaurant manager

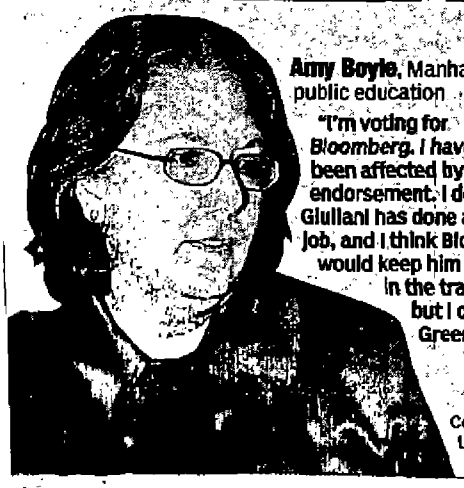
"I'm undecided, but I'm probably leaning toward Bloomberg because of Giuliani's endorsement. I trust [the mayor's] judgment."





Tom Gulda, 31, Brooklyn, lawyer

"I'm voting for Bloomberg. I trust him in a crisis. Giuliani's endorsement hasn't affected my decision. I made up my mind long before that."



Amy Boyle, Manhattan, public education

"I'm voting for Bloomberg. I have not been affected by Giuliani's endorsement. I do think Giuliani has done a great job, and I think Bloomberg would keep him on to help in the transition, but I don't think Green would."



David Levoyer, 31, Staten Island, salesman

"I'm undecided, but I'll most likely vote for Bloomberg. Giuliani's endorsement does help because I like the way [Giuliani] handles this city."

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'Mock' Green wins in city schoolkids' election squeaker

By CARL CAMPANILE
Education Reporter

A mock mayoral election of 6,500 junior high-school students resulted in a razor-thin, 17-vote victory for Mark Green over Michael Bloomberg — close enough to demand a recount.

Members of Teaching Matters — the group sponsoring the vote last week as part of its "Election Connection" education campaign — expressed surprise that Bloomberg was running neck-and-neck with Green in the final tally from schools in heavily Democratic neighborhoods.

Bloomberg even romped over Green in some schools.

At the Maritime Academy at IS 101 in The Bronx, Bloomberg whipped Green 187 to 100. Three-quarters of the students are black or Hispanic.

Teaching Matters curriculum director Alvarez Symonette said many students at Maritime initially backed Fernando Ferrer in the Democratic primary and runoff, but then crossed party lines to back Bloomberg over Green in the general election.

"Students who supported Bloomberg said he knows how to run a business. They said he had the business and management experience to make New York strong again," Symonette said.

He added that students cited Mayor Giuliani's endorsement of Bloomberg as a "big factor" in why they backed the GOP candidate.

Symonette said students who backed Green concluded the Democrat was more "dedicated to politics and the people."

Green won by a 2-to-1 margin at IS 364 in Brooklyn, winning 158 votes to 78 for Bloomberg.

Students were nearly split down the middle at other schools.

Voter info

- Voters heading out to the polls today will be greeted by mostly sunny skies and a strong breeze, with temperatures ranging from the mid-40s early in the morning to a high of 56 by midday.
- Polls across the city are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Call the Board of Elections, at (866) VOTE-NYC, if you have any questions.
- The NYPIRG-Common Cause/NY voter assistance line is (212) 772-4463. It will be staffed from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- The Campaign Finance Board's Web site is www.cfb.nyc.ny.us.
- The New York Immigration Hot Line (800) 566-7636, will field voter questions and complaints in several languages.

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