

## New York Term Limits

**Michael Bloomberg:**

OK, here we go!

**Ted Shaffrey:**

It's official. Michael Bloomberg can run for a third term as the mayor of New York City.

**Council member 1:**

And I vote yes.

**Council member 2:**

I will vote aye!

**Council member 3:**

I vote yes!

**Council member 4:**

I vote aye.

**Council member 5:**

I vote no.

**Council member 6:**

I vote no.

**Ted Shaffrey:**

The city council was far from unanimous in its decision to extend term limits for the mayor and themselves.

**Council member 7:**

Adopted by a vote of twenty-nine in the affirmative, twenty-two in the negative.

**Ted Shaffrey:**

This is a big victory for Bloomberg, the billionaire mayor who said he wants to run for a third, four-year term as mayor because he believes he's best suited to run the city during this economic downturn. In a statement he said, quote: "We have a lot of work to do together to get New York through these tough times." Two other candidates to become the next mayor of New York called the term-limit extension wrong and unfair.

**William Thompson Jr.:**

For any one person to believe that they're the only one in a city of eight million who can run this city and make- move this city forward and help move us back to better times is-is just ridiculous."

**Ted Shaffrey:**

In two ballot initiatives in the 1990s, New Yorkers voted to limit public officials to two terms. One current mayoral candidate says he will legally fight the term-limit extension on those grounds.

**Anthony Weiner:**

Look, this is the sad day for the city council, for the people of the City of New York. New Yorkers don't take kindly to losing their vote. They want to fight to put this on the ballot, and I'm going to lead that fight.

**Ted Shaffrey:**

Proponents of the term-limit extension, like city council Speaker Christine Quinn, say it gives voters a choice.

**Christine Quinn:**

This act today will give New Yorkers the choice, the opportunity a year or so from now, to go to the voting booth and decide whether or not they want to keep the leadership of the City of New York in place.

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