

# [***De Blasio And McCray Separating Though They ll Still Live Together While Seeing Other People***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68MN-9SB1-JBCM-F4G9-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** After 29 years of marriage, former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chirlane McCray are separating and will see other people romantically while living together.

**Body**

**Topline**

Bill de Blasio, who served as mayor of New York City from 2014 to 2021, and his wife Chirlane McCray announced they were separating ina published Wednesday though they ll still be living together and won t be filing for divorce at this time.

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Bill de Blasio and Chirlane McCray arrive for a ceremony on Liberty Island, May 16, 2019, in New York. (AP Photo/Craig Ruttle, File)

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**Key Facts**

De Blasio s and McCray s separation comes after 29 years of marriage, during which time their relationship was often in the spotlight.

The two said they ll be seeing other people romantically going forward.

De Blasio told the**Times**that the stresses of being mayor, the COVID-19 pandemic and a tumultuous presidential bid all put strains on their relationship.

Also underpinning the marriage, the two said, were insecurities about their parents troubled marriages as well as McCray being an out lesbian before their relationship, with de Blasio saying for the guy who took the chance on a woman who was an out lesbian and wrote an article called I Am a Lesbian, there was a part of me that would at times say, Hmmm, is this like a time bomb ticking?

The two said they d been considering separating for two months when they realized their love was no longer as passionate as it once was.

**Crucial Quote**

In announcing the separation, the two said they don t believe they would be separating if not for DeBlasio s mayorship. Everything was this overwhelming schedule, this sort of series of tasks, de Blasio said. And that kind of took away a little bit of our soul.

**Key Background**

DeBlasio and McCray met when the two worked together in former Mayor David Dinkins office, according toCrain s New York. After they married in 1994 and de Blasio became mayor in 2014, McCray played a high profile role in her husband s administration. Crain s New York described them as the first first-couple of New York to describe their personal partnership as a professional one, too. In 2021,Politico describedher as de Blasio s unofficial co-mayor. McCray notably led ThriveNYC, the city s mental health initiative. Politico noted that this high profile role of the mayor s wife was often criticized as a conflict of interest, criticisms de Blasio consistently rebuffed. The**Times**, on the other hand, described their biracial marriage and the multiracial symbolism it came with as what helped send a progressive longshot into the mayorship of the country s largest city. In separation, the two will continue to live in the Park Slope townhouse they famously lived in and raised their children in throughout their marriage.

**Tangent**

The two concluded that they will now see other people romantically, but de Blasio made a point to tell the**Times** he s not a believer in online dating. McCray jokingly asked if the authors could put their phone numbers in the story for potential suitors.

**Further Reading**

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