

# [***De Blasio Drops Congress Bid: Time For Me To Leave Electoral Politics***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:65YT-J6S1-DXVP-5293-00000-00&context=1516831)

Forbes.com

July 19, 2022 Tuesday

Copyright 2022 Forbes LLC All Rights Reserved

**Length:** 510 words

**Byline:** Nicholas Reimann, Forbes Staff

**Highlight:** De Blasio signaled he is closing the door on elected office after a series of political setbacks.

**Body**

**Topline**

Former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) announced Tuesday he is dropping out of the highly competitive New York 10th Congressional District race and also closing the door on running for elected office for the time being, saying he intends to leave electoral ***politics*** and focus on other ways to serve after a string of unsuccessful campaigns.

<figure>

<figcaption>

Don't let the door hit you: New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) waves to the audience after giving the State of the City address at LaGuardia Community College on February 10, 2014.

Mark Lennihan/AP

</figcaption></figure>

**Key Facts**

De Blasio tweeted he decided to drop out after it became clear that voters are looking for another option and I respect that.

A recent survey from left-leaning polling firm Data for ProgressfoundDe Blasio in seventh place with just 5% support in the 10th District.

This marks the third unsuccessful political venture for De Blasio over the past three years he dropped a Democratic presidential bid in 2019 and decidednotto seek the Democratic nomination for New York governor this year despite months of fundraising after polls found him far behind incumbent Governor Kathy Hochul (D).

**Crucial Quote**

I m feeling a lot of gratitude. I m also recognizing that I made mistakes, De Blasio said in a video. I want to do better in the future. I want to learn from those mistakes.

**Key Background**

De Blasio was at one point a highly popular mayor of the largest U.S. city, cruising into office with more than 73% support in the 2013 mayoral contest and winning reelection with 66% of the vote in 2017. His progressive policies, like raising the city's minimum wage to $15 an hour and implementing universal pre-K, broadened his national recognition and for a while made him a rising star in the left wing of the Democratic Party. But a series of setbacks during his second term, including a rise in crime, led New Yorkers to sour on De Blasio. By the time he was weighing a gubernatorial bid last fall, his approval rating in New York State was lower than those of former President Donald Trump and scandal-ridden former Governor Andrew Cuomo (D),accordingto a Siena College poll.

**What To Watch For**

The top candidates for the redrawn 10th District appear to be New York City Council Member Carlina Rivera, New York Assemblywoman Yuh-Line Niou and attorney Dan Goldman, who was lead counsel during Trump s first impeachment trial. Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.), who had represented a mainly Manhattan-based 10th District since 2013, will face Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) in the 12th District in a high-profile matchup of two longtime representatives. The 10th District, which starting next year will largely consist of Brooklyn and a small section of Lower Manhattan, is among many being significantly redrawn after state courts threw out a Democratic-proposed map Republicans said put the GOPat an unfair disadvantage.

**Further Reading**

Judge Blocks New York Congressional Map Over Democratic Gerrymandering(Forbes)

De Blasio will not run for governor after all(Politico)

**Load-Date:** July 20, 2022

**End of Document**