

FERRER HITS BACK ON AMNESTY CALL

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Democratic mayoral hopeful Fernando **Ferrer** fired **back** yesterday at Republican rival Michael Bloomberg for criticizing his **call** for blanket **amnesty** for undocumented immigrants.

"Earth to Mike: This is a local issue," **Ferrer** told the Daily News.

"Mike needs to get in touch with what the real problems of New York City are."

On Saturday, when asked about **Ferrer's** position on the immigrants, Bloomberg criticized the Bronx borough president for focusing on issues outside his jurisdiction.

The media mogul stands by his statement, spokesman Ed Skyler said yesterday.

"No one with any grasp of immigration issues thinks this has any chance of getting passed by Congress," Skyler said. "Discussing it in a race where there are so many local issues that need our attention is a waste of time."

Ferrer countered: "The comments are outrageous, frankly, given that immigrants - documented or undocumented - are served by New York City."

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