Harlem Week: The 30 most influential black New Yorkers in 2013

Group recommended by a panel consisting of NAACP, Association of Black Journalists and others

Thirty of the most influential black New Yorkers for 2013-2014 – as recommended by a committee consisting of representatives from the NAACP, 100 Black Men, the Delta’s, New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus, New York City Council Black Latino and Asian Caucus, New York Urban League, Association of Black Journalists and Harlem Arts Alliance:

1. Eric Adams
   State senator and candidate for Brooklyn borough president

2. Charles Barron
   NYC Council member and chairman of the Council’s Higher Education Committee

3. The Rev. A. R. Bernard
   Founder and senior pastor of the Christian Cultural Center and president of the Council of Churches of New York City

4. The Rev. Calvin Butts 3rd
   Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church and president of State University of New York at Old Westbury

5. Kenneth Chenault
   Chairman and CEO of American Express Company

6. Yvette Clarke
   U.S. congresswoman and ranking member of the House Committee on Homeland Security

7. Leroy Comrie
   NYC Council member and Council deputy majority leader

8. Inez Dickens
   NYC Council member and Council Assistant Deputy Majority Leader

9. David Dinkins
   Former NYC mayor and professor at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs

10. Hazel Dukes
    President of the NAACP New York State Conference and member of the Democratic National Committee’s

11. Herman Farrell Jr.
    State assemblyman and chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee

12. The Rev. Floyd Flake
    Senior pastor of Greater Allen African Methodist Episcopal Cathedral and former U.S. Congressman

13. George Gresham
    President of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East

14. Carl Heastie
    State assemblyman and Bronx County Democratic leader

15. Jay Z (Shawn Carter)
    Entertainer and business mogul

16. Hakeem Jeffries
    U.S. Congressman and member of the House Judiciary and Budget committees

17. Kenneth N. Knuckles
    Vice Chairman of the NYC Planning Commission and president of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone

18. Helen Marshall
    Queens Borough president and State assemblywoman

19. H. Carl McCall
    Former New York State controller and chairman of the State University of New York

20. David Paterson
    Former New York governor and former State senator

21. Richard Parsons
    Chairman of the Apollo Theatre Foundation and senior adviser at Providence Equity LLC

22. Charles Rangel
    U.S. congressman and ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee

23. Lillian Roberts
    Executive director of District Council 37 labor union

24. Norman Seabrook
    President of the NYC Correction Officers’ Benevolent Association and vice chairman of the Bronx Democratic Committee

25. The Rev. Al Sharpton
    Founder and president of the National Action Network and host of MSNBC’s “Politics Nation” and the “Keepin’ It Real” radio program

26. Elinor Tatum
    Publisher and editor-in-chief of The New York Amsterdam News and producer/cohost of the “Keepin’ It Real” radio program

27. Bill Thompson
    Former New York City controller and 2013 NYC mayoral candidate

28. Lloyd Williams
    President and CEO of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce and chairman of Harlem Week, Inc.

29. Deborah Wright
    Chairwoman and CEO of Carver Federal Savings Bank and former Commissioner of New York City’s Department of Housing, Preservation and Development

30. Keith Wright
    State assemblyman and New York County Democratic leader