

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

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

Thirty of some 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

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