MILANO SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MANAGEMENT, AND URBAN POLICY

Laboratory in Issue Analysis: Clients and Issues, Spring 2012

FIRST ROUND PROJECTS	
Client	**Issue**
City Council Member Gale Brewer	What can New York City do within the current jurisprudence of campaign finance law to ensure that candidates without vast sums of money can compete for elected office?
NYC Department of Design, and Construction	How can New York City government apply sustainability principles to its purchases of fixtures, furnishings and equipment?
Human Service Council	How can state and city discretionary funding (member items) be reformed to improve the transparency and integrity of the funding process?
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation	How can trees planted along city streets through NYC's million trees imitative be cared for and nurtured?
Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)	How can, or should, SAGE connect its national policy goals with those of disability rights organizations?
NYC Hunger Free Communities Consortium	How can NYC increase provision of free breakfasts in public schools?
NYC Department of Youth and Community Development	How can the agency improve services for disconnected youth?
NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)	How can HPD improve its placement of homeless shelter residents into vacant units in housing developments financed by NYC?
SECOND ROUND PROJECTS	
NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation	How should the Parks Department reduce its staff's environmental footprint through the development of metrics regarding the agency's sustainability efforts by using new and existing metrics and data regarding water, energy, and materials use?
City Council Member Gale Brewer	How should NYC reform its use of commercial tax incentives to promote economic development?
New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)	What should NYCHA do with its remaining inventory of occupied single-family and 2-4 houses that were originally repossessed by the Federal Housing Administration?
Citizens Committee for NYC	What can the Citizens Committee for New York City do to promote and support volunteer-led community recycling programs across the city?
Deputy Director of the Office of Operations, NYC Mayor's Office	How can the Office of Operations create a set of performance benchmarks from other major cities for agencies reporting their results through the Mayor's Management Report?
West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc. (WEACT)	How should WEACT devise and implement Green Action Zones in Northern Manhattan and in other low-income communities in upstate New York?
NYC Dept. of Probation	How can the Department of Probation best utilize its newly created continuum of community-based programs and services for juveniles to demonstrate the effectiveness of positive youth development interventions?
NYC Food Policy Coordinator	How should NYC utilize new card swipe technologies to incentivize the use of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) at farmers markets to expand access to and further promote healthy foods?