

Comptroller

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My business card has for years said Julia Willebrand, Activist. And, if elected I will be an activist comptroller. Many voters think of the Comptroller as head bookkeeper. But, the comptroller wears many more hats than that. The comptroller is trustee of NYC's five public pension funds. So wearing that hat and because of the Climate Crisis we face, I will recommend the funds divest from all corporations engaged in fossil fuel production and distribution. Next I will use the comptroller's duty to register the 38,000 contracts that the city enters into each year with private corporations to protect the city's bottom line by including clawback and penalty provisions for overcharges. Such provisions may prevent more SAIC and City Time type millions of dollar overcharges. Then using Comptroller budgetary oversight, I will ensure that the public knows about wasteful giveaways such as the BOE's recent call to developers to replace schools in the city's most expensive land use neighborhoods with luxury housing. Or NYCHA's offer of the use of public housing project playgrounds for luxury housing development. These boondoggles will create little affordable housing. And yet, there is plenty of unused airspace in our high rise city. Thus to construct affordable housing I will promote selling air rights over low rise city owned building such as our 1700 public schools. I will be an activist comptroller.

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