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Jay DeDapper, Political Reporter:

What about your biggest political influence? You worked for Tom Duane, who's the state senator now. You were the head of the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, AVP. You came up kind of in a different way than other speakers have. Did you get one big influence out of the political side of things?

Christine Quinn, City Council Speaker:

You know, there is a woman—most people aren't gonna know—her name is Barbara Hughes. And she was an AIDS activist and an LGBT activist. She was a very, very successful chef in the city, and she left that industry and created a program to train homeless people in culinary skills and now runs a little catering firm with formerly-homeless women.

She's someone I've had a lot of, uh, privilege to get to work with on a lot of issues. And, in some ways, she is one of the people who's had the largest political impact on me. She's somebody who gave up a job where she could've made a lot of money and dedicated all parts of her life to improving the lot of others. And if I can keep the idea she kept in mind, while I'm speaker, I think I'll have done a very good job.