

# Andy King's Expulsion a Sign of Stricter Enforcement

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Kenneth Fisher was quoted in an article in *City & State New York* addressing New York City Council's unprecedented expulsion of Council Member Andy King following accusations that he harassed staff, took a \$2,000 kickback from an aide, and ignored punishments doled out by the council after previous ethics violations. Committee on Standards and Ethics Chair Steve Matteo has taken several assertive actions recently, the article notes, and Ken opined that Matteo's appointment was a signal that Council Speaker Corey Johnson "intended to play it straight." The article goes on to note that members of the Committee on Standards and Ethics "take the responsibility seriously, but there's a perception that it doesn't go beyond the speaker's wishes. 'Generally speaking, where leadership has wanted a specific outcome, the membership has gone along with it,' Ken told *City & State* last year. 'And there's been good staff support for whatever that conclusion is.'"

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