

Don Peebles encouraged to run for mayor at DC conference

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Don Peebles

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Don Peebles, the real-estate mogul [weighing a mayoral run](#), had a big weekend hosting the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference in DC.

As chairman of the foundation, the Peebles Corp. CEO introduced VP [Joe Biden](#) at a Saturday prayer breakfast and [President Obama](#) at dinner.

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Peebles said prominent black leaders and clergy had encouraged him to challenge [Mayor de Blasio](#)'s re-election. "The topic came up consistently throughout the five-day conference," Peebles said.

Other New York pols being touted for potential runs against de Blasio also made the rounds. Comptroller Scott Stringer attended Peebles' reception and Brooklyn Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, co-chairman of the conference, was a ubiquitous presence.

At the dinner, [Hillary Clinton](#) sat at the table of Harlem Rep. Charles Rangel and was accompanied by top aide