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Communique Interviews David Dinkins

David Dinkins was the 106th Mayor of the City of New York. He served one term in that prestigious office from 1990 to 1993. After acting as Mayor, Dinkins came to SIPA and is now a Professor in the Practice of Public Affairs. Mayor Dinkins was kind enough to allow Communique's Maya Kandel a few minutes to interview him about his life and the current state of New York City politics. Communique hopes to follow this interview with interviews of other current and former public officials, especially those with ties to New York City or Columbia University. Reprinted hereafter are excerpts of Maya's interview with Mayor Dinkins.

Q: Please give us a short background of yourself.

A: I was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on July 10th, 1927. When I was about 6-7 years old my mother and father separated and my mother came here to New York to live with her mother. My mother and grandmother were domestics, they cooked and cleaned for other people for about a dollar a day.

This was the Depression years. We lived in Harlem, and we used to

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