

## NYC Fleet: Remembering Conan Freud

Today, we remember September 11, 2001 and the incredible impact it had on our nation, our city, and each of us personally. That impact continues with the recent loss of one of our own, Conan Freud. On June 27, 2018 Conan passed away after a battle with 9/11-related cancer. Conan was a proud, dedicated, and talented public servant who spent over 30 years making NYC a better place to live for all of us.

Conan spent his entire adult life serving NYC in public sector roles going back to 1984 when he graduated college. He spent 16 years at City OMB and was an Assistant Budget Director. He did two stints at DOT as both a Deputy Commissioner and the Fleet Chief. Conan was the Chief Operating Officer at the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) for four years. He also took a break from City agencies for 3 years serving as a Vice President with Hunter College, CUNY, where he saw the impact education truly has on someone.



Conan became ill many years after working in the 9/11 recovery area. He initially reported to the site out of his own recognizance to support the emergency responders. His role there grew and he helped DOT organize many of its response efforts at the site. Conan was a serious, smart, thoughtful and professional government manager. He knew how to make things happen, work forward through issues, push when necessary, compromise when appropriate. As his son Matthew noted “ my father had this ability to understand and be curious in a way to help an agency or person solve any problem they faced.” He faced his illness with the same calm, focus, and hopefulness that he brought to his work and life.

Conan graduated from Stuyvesant High School in lower Manhattan and then attended SUNY Binghamton for his undergraduate studies. He also earned a Master of Science (MS) in Policy Analysis from the New School. Conan hails from an incredibly service-oriented and publicly impactful family. His wife Judy served as First Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Juvenile Justice and is a leader in the non-profit sector today. His sister, Sally, is the Chief of Water Quality Operations at City DEP. His father, Edgar, and mother, Olive, have pushed aggressively as engaged citizens to improve the quality of life in our City. Conan is also survived by two beloved sons, Matt and Josh. Matt is becoming an auto mechanic at Bronx Community College and working part-time at NYC Buildings. Josh is currently attending the High School for Math Science and Engineering at City College.

We miss Conan. We are thankful for his family and colleagues who carry on his work, service, and memory.



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