

## CITY LIMITS WRITERS GUIDELINES

**Who We Are** City Limits is a website, weekly e-newsletter and print quarterly focusing on New York City neighborhoods and the issues and institutions that affect them. We're dedicated to advancing public understanding of how the city works, with an emphasis on the interests of low- and moderate-income residents and communities.

**Who Reads Us** Readers include government officials, policy advocates, neighborhood leaders, journalists, housing developers, public interest lawyers, social service providers, entrepreneurs, citizens and others working to enhance civic life and promote better services for New Yorkers.

**Who Contributes** City Limits welcomes articles by freelance journalists as well as professionals involved in improving the communities of New York City.

**What We Expect** Rigorous, in-depth consideration of the facts of a situation where there is something significant at stake for a community or a group of New Yorkers. Writers must commit to presenting their stories in a thoughtful, fair and compelling manner. Articles must introduce new information and ideas that have not previously received significant media attention, or advance sharply new perspectives on an existing issue. In addition, we expect City Limits articles to point the way to action to remedy problems and improve public policy. If you're interested in contributing, please read the website or quarterly carefully to get a sense of our style and focus.

**Frequency** The City Limits website is updated substantially every Monday, and the quarterly City Limits Investigates is published once per season. The free City Limits Weekly is e-mailed to subscribers every Monday afternoon.

City Limits Weekly and City Limits Investigates are looking for the following kinds of articles:

- news
- investigations
- news features
- profiles
- policy analysis

In addition, City Limits Weekly is looking for:

- book and art reviews
- book excerpts
- essays with a strong basis in reporting

We do not publish fiction or poetry.

**Audience** We aim to reach an informed readership of citizens and professionals working to improve New York City's communities, while being compelling and informative to a general audience.

How to query us

FOR NEWS FEATURES, please send a query via email, describing the article you would like to write, why it's newsworthy, what steps you expect to take in order to research and report the article, and why you are qualified to write it. In addition, please send your resume and samples of your writing (published samples strongly preferred). We do occasionally accept manuscripts; authors must be prepared do extensive additional reporting and revisions. Send to:

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FOR BREAKING NEWS, please call the news desk at 212-479-3351.

Thanks for your interest in City Limits, and we're looking forward to hearing from you.