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At Sardi's, Carrión Is at a Loss on the Theater

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So it was that [Adolfo Carrión Jr.](#), the [Independence Party](#) candidate for mayor, found himself sitting under grinning caricatures of Susan Sarandon, Dustin Hoffman, Brooke Shields and other luminaries of the entertainment world at [Sardi's](#), the theater-district mainstay where the hotel owners, theater operators, developers and other members of the [Broadway Association](#) had gathered the other day to hear his campaign pitch.

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He was on surer footing addressing other issues of interest to the Midtown West crowd, like the brouhaha over The Associated Press’s [recent decision to stop reviewing Off Broadway shows](#). Warmly recalling seeing “In the Heights” when it was still off Broadway (Mr. Carrión counts [Luis A. Miranda Jr.](#), a political consultant whose son, [Lin-Manuel Miranda](#), created the show, as a friend) and promising to promote the arts as mayor, he said that he would urge The A.P. to reinstate its reviews.

Before leaving, he beefed up his entertainment bona fides with a nod to Dominic Chianese, who portrayed Uncle Junior on “The Sopranos,” and who attended the lunch to honor James Gandolfini, the recently deceased actor who played Tony Soprano.

“Dominic is an old Bronx boy,” Mr. Carrión said, citing ties from his days as Bronx borough president. “A dear friend.”

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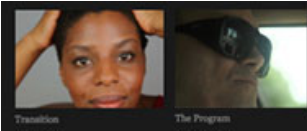


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