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In the news



**Joe Lhota drops
mayor bid clues**

He's officially in the running ... kind of. Former MTA chair Joe Lhota, who stepped down from the agency in December amid rumors he was running for mayor, said yesterday he wouldn't have left his old position unless he was seeking the city's top job. He dropped the hints at a New York Building Congress meeting. Lhota was widely praised for getting the subways running after superstorm Sandy. METRO/AB