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by attracting new investment and supporting small business growth. He has implemented ambitious public health strategies, including the ban on smoking in restaurants and bars, and expanded support for arts and cultural organizations. His education reforms have driven graduation rates up 40 percent since 2005. The City has weathered the national recession much better than most other places. Since October 2009, the nation has gained back only one out of every four jobs that were lost in the recession. Meanwhile, New York City has gained back nearly all of its lost jobs. Michael Bloomberg attended Johns Hopkins University and received an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is the father of two daughters, Emma and Georgina.

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