

I consider it a privilege to be considered for Vice Chair of Community Board#1. I have served for more than 20 years as board member, Seaport Committee member and for the last 18 years as Chair/Co-Chair of the Youth and Education Committee and New Schools Task Force.

With regard to the Chair's race: it became very apparent in my calls to all board members that we were split on the choice. Many members wanted Catherine and many supported me. In the interest of board unity I decided to run for Vice Chair allowing the board to have both of us in leadership. I look forward to working closely with Catherine. She and I have worked together on many issues in the past. As a charter member of the Dept. of Health 9/11 Registry I was able to recommend her to Dr. Farfel for membership in that body.

I have dedicated 20 years in public service forging many relationships in the private and political sectors. These contacts have served us well in our quest for schools, programs and representation in the community. The rebuilding of lower Manhattan has been most successful. So much so that our services have been outstripped by the growth of our populous. During my tenure on the Youth and Education Committee we have contributed to the creation of 6 schools for our families. We face a dire situation in our need for school seats. We shall need 1400 Kindergarten seats within the next 3 years. I dedicate myself to that task. I look forward to working with Speaker Silver on behalf of our

children and families. Our partnership with Shelly Silver has resulted in our three newest downtown schools.

I look forward to working on behalf of our seniors as we have for our youth. Programs and services are sorely needed in our downtown community. Our board is working towards that end as well as extending middle-income housing to keep our community most diverse.

I am engaged in a variety of community projects some of which include: a new site for a state of the art hospital downtown, ball fields and a community center on the eastside, and pressing the need on our Executive Committee to all committee chairs that we obtain maximum results for the community in our ULURP oversight.

There are many issues and projects that will come before our board in the future. We need to work together calling on each and every board member's expertise and dedication, as we have in the past, to achieve our goals. I have been fortunate to have your support in past endeavors and trust that I may rely on it in this one. I only wish to serve our purpose, our community.

Respectfully, Paul Hovitz