

My name is John Luisi and I'd like to work for you as the Borough President of Staten Island.

Let me tell you a bit about me. I grew up on Staten Island near Old Town Road. I believe strongly in a good education, and I have one, thanks to the wonderful teachers at PS 48, Junior High 49, and New Dorp High School. They encouraged me to apply to Columbia College, which I attended on a scholarship. After working for a few years for the City, first in the Mayor's Office and then the Department of Housing, I went on to Fordham Law School, worked briefly at the New York City Law Department, and then went on to private practice.

I believe that one should lead by example. I regularly donate my time, energy and my personal funds, not just taxpayer money, to many causes around the Island. As a volunteer and community leader, I've

succeeded in getting many good things for Staten Island, including the Farmers Market in St. George, more frequent ferry service, and countless community service achievements.

I'm running for Borough President because I believe that Staten Island deserves better. Staten Islanders deserve to know that their Borough President will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them to keep their firehouses open, as I did with Engine 161 in South Beach.

We deserve to have our tax dollars spent in better ways than vineyards in Snug Harbor or fish tanks in the ferry terminal.

We deserve to have follow-through on the front-page announcements about the North Shore Rail Line, or the Stapleton Homeport, or the Brookfield Landfill, or the South Shore Fast Ferry. We need more hospitals to

open, not close. We deserve action, not just more studies.

We deserve to have qualified people appointed to important jobs, not just friends and family.

We deserve accountability as to how our tax dollars are being spent so we can see if one Little League gets hundreds of thousands of dollars while others get nickels and dimes. We deserve to have business conducted out in the open, not in a back room.

Good intentions are not enough. Front-page announcements and photos are not enough. We deserve results.

We deserve an advocate for Staten Island who will be vocal and demand more from City Hall, not someone who claims to be working behind the scenes but fails to deliver.

I grew up here, I'm raising my family here, and I'm planning on sticking around to continue trying to make this a better place. I don't have an orange E-Z Pass, so I feel the pain when I get my monthly statements, just like everyone else who has to work for a living.

Staten Islanders voted overwhelmingly for term limits not once, but twice, because we wanted to get rid of career politicians and put real people in office. In a very undemocratic move, our votes were undone. Well, folks, on November 3rd you'll have the chance to vote once again for term limits by voting for John Luisi for Borough President.

Thank you.

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