

Hi, I'm Pete Gleason, a progressive Democrat running for City Council in Lower Manhattan's First District.

I have been in the business of public service for over 25 years. As a police officer on the Lower East Side during the drug wars, I worked to take guns off the street and make our neighborhoods safe.

I was a New York City firefighter for 10 years, twice decorated. And I was there during our City's darkest hour, responding to the World Trade Center on September 11th.

Today as a civil rights and environmental law attorney, I'm fighting for 9/11 responders' rights to health coverage and defending a whistle blower who called attention to asbestos in our children's schools.

I'm running for City Council because I have seen the career politicians make excuses and pass the buck on crucial legislation far too long. We don't need excuses and slush funds. We need leadership and transparency in our City government. We need change that works.

I've interfaced with virtually every City agency and I've seen where they succeed and where they fail. When they put the interests of big developers and their entrenched political allies before our families, I will stand up and hold them accountable.

Our current leadership has failed us. When our neighborhoods were growing, they utterly failed to plan for new schools. As a parent, I'll pass a trigger law requiring the City to add schools and services before granting new permits to the developers.

I'll fight to ensure that growth in our community includes adequate affordable housing for New York's working families so Lower Manhattan remains the dynamic, diverse place we love.

I will never overrule the voters by voting myself a pay-raise or an extra term.

My name is Pete Gleason, and I want to fight for you in City Hall. I ask for your vote and support on September 15th in the Democratic Primary.

Thank you.

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