

Hello. I'm Jerry Kann, Populist candidate for New York City Council in Astoria, Queens. Working people and poor people don't have enough power in New York City. That situation has got to change.

Let me give you just two examples of what's been going wrong and then some positive suggestions for what we can do to turn things around.

One: Last year the City Council threw out the term limits law that a majority of New York City voters approved, not once but twice, back in the 1990s. This action of the Council was incredibly arrogant and shows real contempt for democracy.

Two: On August 1st, the City's sales tax went up half a percentage point. This hits poor people and working people much harder than it hits rich people. And for the City's leaders to be jacking up the

sales tax in the middle of the worst economic slump since the Great Depression is just plain shameful.

I am proposing that the City roll back this increase in the sales tax and instead raise the personal income tax one percent on City residents who earn more than half a million dollars a year.

Regarding term limits, if elected I would demand that we move back to the term limits law that the voters approved back in the '90s. And I pledge that as a member of Council, I would support term limits and never vote to overturn them.

If elected, I would also work to revamp the Rent Guidelines Board to make it more fair to tenants. I would hold monthly public meetings in Astoria to get the input of people who live there. And I would insist that the City spend a lot more money to help the first responders of September

11th, 2001, many of whom are now gravely
ill.

I ask you for your vote on Tuesday,
November 3rd, and I thank you.

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