

My name is Melquiades Gagarin and I am running for City Council because it's time for a new generation of leadership at City Hall. The future of our neighborhoods in our City demands fresh ideas and innovative thinking.

I will protect our neighborhoods from overdevelopment by offering solutions that will put the community at the decision making table. I will fight for our seniors to protect and expand the services and programs that they deserve by working to eliminate wasteful spending in our City's budget.

As a husband and a father of two young children, I am committed to ensuring that our children receive a sound and quality education and that parents are not left out of the process.

I will bring transparency and accountability back to City government by making sure that you can track where your tax dollars are being spent. In these trying times, we must stop looking to Wall Street to answer our problems and find ways to protect New York's middle class.

We must help our small business owners, and harness the power of green technology to create new jobs and sustain our long term economic growth.

I have always been guided by my commitment to public service. As a former aide to a U.S. Congressman and a State Senator, I know how to get government to work for you.

Born and raised in our neighborhoods and now raising a family of my own here in the District, I am personally invested in our future.

Remember, the future is in your hands,
please visit [www . Gagarin2009 . com](http://www.Gagarin2009.com) to learn
more about me and how you can get involved
in improving our community.

Vote Mel Gagarin for City Council.

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