

Hi, I'm Brad Lander, and I'm running for City Council.

I feel very fortunate to be part of our vibrant and diverse community. My kids go to a great public school just a few blocks from our home. We make extensive use of the urban oasis of Prospect Park. We walk to a great mix of locally-owned shops and restaurants in neighborhoods that, at their best, are like small villages, and yet are a subway ride away from almost anything you could dream of.

These things did not happen by accident. They happened because of hard work by people like you and me, who rolled up their sleeves, volunteered together in civic groups and PTAs, and fought both for a better neighborhood and for better public policy across our City.

I'm proud to have played a role in strengthening our community over the past two decades, and of the results that we've achieved

working together. I served for 10 years as director of the Fifth Avenue Committee, ran the Pratt Center for Community Development, and serve on our local community board.

Together, we brought our neighborhood back from the blight of the 1970s - bringing abandoned buildings back to life, and creating affordable housing and good jobs for thousands of families.

Unfortunately, many of the things that make our neighborhoods and our City great are under real threat. Economic pressures are hitting residents and local businesses hard. Too much of the development we've seen is out-of-scale for our neighborhoods. Housing and health care prices are out-of-reach for too many families. Our schools are becoming overcrowded and class sizes are growing.

I know from what we've accomplished in the past, that by working together, we can get real results.

That's why I'm running for City Council: to work together with you for sustainable communities, for great schools for all our kids, for affordable housing, to support small businesses and create good jobs, and to make sure our neighborhoods continue to be great places to live for years to come.

If you share my love for our community and my vision for change, I hope you'll vote for me, Brad Lander, in the election this fall.

Thank you.

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