

Hello. I'm David Pechefsky, the Green Party candidate for City Council District 39.

In most Council Districts in New York City, the Democratic Primary in September is pretty much the end of the show. This year in District 39, with me on the ballot in November, you'll actually have a choice to vote for a candidate that is both more independent and more experienced than anyone else in the race.

I've worked in City government for 12 years. I've been an assistant director for Housing and Economic Development in the Finance Division of the City Council, and also an assistant commissioner with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

I've helped secure funding and implement a wide range of housing, youth,

senior, and economic development programs, and I've worked on legislation ranging from promoting green buildings to legalizing tattooing.

To make progress on all the issues facing the district, the need for more pre-k seats, keeping our parks clean and our libraries open, improving public transportation, seeing the Gowanus Canal gets cleaned up properly, you need someone who knows how City government works. And among the candidates, I'm the one who has been in government getting things done.

But we also need someone who is going to think about the big picture, about how we can have a City that is both sustainable environmentally but also in terms of preserving and enhancing community life. This means fighting for policies that support local businesses and neighborhoods, not tax breaks for big box stores and subsidies for sports stadiums.

And we need someone who is going to take on the entrenched power structure in City government.

By extending term limits from two to three terms, the powers that be pulled off an anti-democratic coup. This is symptomatic of the kind of deal making that goes on.

I have the independence and know-how to challenge the status quo and push the Council to be an institution that truly provides democratic representation.

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