

Hello, my name is Rock Hackshaw. I am a university lecturer and also a candidate for the New York City Council in Brooklyn's 40th District.

Very soon, voters will be given the opportunity to change the political direction of both this District and the City at large. I am hoping that you voters will elect me to the Council.

I am a candidate because I am appalled by too many things that I see here. This City is becoming increasingly unaffordable for average working-folks. This district has a large number of people over 50 years old living without health insurance coverage.

Too many people here are jobless and homeless; too many of our kids here graduate to a life of drugs, jails, decadence, guns, crime and violence. We have, as a City,

failed to graduate more than 55% of all our high school students over the past 55 years (since that landmark Supreme Court decision "Brown v. Board of Education"). We have to turn all this around now.

On any given day in this City, 48% of all black males are jobless, and almost two-thirds of our minority youth are similarly situated. I want to fix this.

I propose the establishment of more programs to provide educational training to young people in the District. I also propose the creation of more job training centers to provide vocational training and more community centers to provide recreational and cultural facilities for creative thinking and psychological enhancement.

I also want to develop a comprehensive plan to increase community awareness, pride and responsibility amongst District

residents. This will include educational plans reintroducing civics and logic to the school curriculum, plans which should also include courses aimed at improving parenting skills and targeting tangible community development and continuing adult education as major objectives.

Please visit my website at rockhackshaw.com to look at my resume, my affiliations, plus many other proposals included in my platform.

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