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Hello, my name is Gene Berardelli, and I am running for City Council in the 46th District in South Brooklyn. I was born and raised here. I graduated from Sheepshead Bay High School, became an attorney and returned back home to make a difference.

I have to say, the last place I ever thought I'd be is here speaking to all of you about why you should vote for me. But when term limits was overturned, we all received a rude wake-up call.

Our government turned its back on all of us because politicians decided that they were the only ones who could solve a fiscal crisis that happened on their watch. Even in the darkest days of 9/11, we never let events dictate our actions, let alone behave so inexcusably.

Our government forgot that the real strength of our City is in our communities,

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not in the people we allow to go to City Hall. Politicians come and go, communities endure. Our community must send a strong message; we said two terms only, and we meant it.

Our City faces many challenges. We must find ways to do even more with less, bring transparency to the darker corners of government and get this City back on the path of prosperity for all New Yorkers.

I have a record of fighting for our community when our officials dropped the ball. While the community waited on politicians to re-zone our neighborhood, I worked with our neighbors, fought hard and we re-zoned what we could.

When our community was told that a waterfront park wasn't feasible, I mobilized our community, fought hard, and now Brigham Park will soon become a reality. I'm asking you to join me, fight side by side with me to meet these challenges, and, together, I have no doubt that we can overcome any obstacle.

On Election Day, cast your vote for Gene Berardelli for City Council, and let's get to work.

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