

Hi. My name is Derek Sacerdote and I am a school teacher running for City Council in the 46th district, as the Libertarian nominee.

As a Canarsie resident, I share your hopes, experiences, and frustrations. I am running for City Council because I believe we have been heading in the wrong direction in several key areas.

After 11 years teaching, I can speak at length regarding education reform. There are still students graduating without needed skills. Because grading and testing is all done internally, there is very little monitoring of consistent practices. This leads schools to inflate grades and graduation rate, all to the detriment of the students.

We need to implement third party evaluation. In addition, we need to bring

back vocational training to better serve those students who do not go on to college.

New York City's fiscal house is in disarray. When you can't manage your bills, it is time to cut back, not to expand.

This city needs to take real steps to cut out waste in all city agencies. The constant abuse of homeowners and businesses as an endless source of cash needs to stop. People are struggling.

In these times, City Hall needs to step back and leave us more of our own money to manage. It goes without saying that small businesses, from restaurants, to stores, to private livery vans need to be encouraged, not constantly harassed, regulated, and fined.

Finally, relations between civilians and law enforcement in many parts of the district are poor. There is a sense that

minority sections do not receive the same treatment by police as do other neighborhoods.

I personally have witnessed several incidents of police misconduct. Under the current system, our only recourse for complaint is the weak CCRB, or get directed back to the precinct against which we wish to complain. Much like with the school system, this internal evaluation is failing us.

Please log on to Derek Sacerdote, Number 4 City Council. I appreciate your support, and will serve you with integrity, with respect, and with humility.

Thank You.

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